

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROCUREMENT PLAN AND PACKAGES

A. Introduction

1. In view of the complexity of the Program, a piggybacked technical assistance (TA) has been provisioned so that relevant Executing and Implementing Agencies (EAs and IAs) can be facilitated in their work related to Program objectives. The outcome of the TA is to enhance the capacity of the Government to effectively implement the Program. Its impact can be measured only in association with the attainment of the objectives of the Program itself (see Appendix 1).

2. The TA contributes to the attainment of the outcome and outputs of the Program; these can be specified as follows:

- (i) **Outcome: Improved governance in the public sector**, through training programs on various Program-related interventions, strengthened Program Management Units and Program Steering Committee, and action plans designed to assist selected agencies (such as the two Executing Agencies) to meet Program objectives.
- (ii) **Output 1: Vision, strategy, and procedures**, through a strengthened ACC Act aligned to the UNCAC provisions, and a well-prepared and well-publicized National Integrity Strategy.
- (iii) **Output 2: Enforcement and sanctions mechanisms**, through monitoring and reporting protocols at the Supreme Court, an effective decentralized system of operations in anticorruption, and performance management schemes in agencies such as the ACC.
- (iv) **Output 3: Prevention mechanisms**, through legislative instruments such as the Right to Information Act and Whistleblower Protection Act, improved examination and revised quota system in the Bangladesh Civil Service, and corruption risk mitigation plans and grievance handling mechanisms in Government agencies.

3. For proper management of the TA, a procurement plan is prepared in accordance with ADB's *Procurement Guidelines* (2007, as amended from time to time) and the *Guidelines on the Use of Consultants* (2007, as amended from time to time). This plan is comprised of the following:

- (i) the particular contracts for the goods (equipment, technology), consulting services, and training services required to carry out the Program during the Program period;
- (ii) the proposed methods for procurement of such contracts that are permitted under the Loan Agreement;
- (iii) for consulting services packages, this plan covers the proposed methods for selection and type of proposal, and an indicative recruitment schedule and budget; and
- (iv) related ADB review procedures (see below).

B. Procurement Plan Reviews

4. ADB will review the procurement arrangements in the procurement plan for its conformity with the Loan Agreement and the relevant guidelines mentioned in para. 3. While this procurement plan initially covers the entire 4 years of the Program period, the procurement plan

will be updated on an annual basis or as needed, always covering the next 18-month period of Program implementation.

C. Procurement Plan

Table A6.1: Program Information

Country	Bangladesh
Name of Borrower	Government of Bangladesh
Program Name	Good Governance Program
Loan or TA Reference	Program Loan
Date of Effectiveness	October 2007
Amount (\$)	2.35 million
Of which Committed (\$)	
Executing Agency	Cabinet Division
Approval Date of Original Procurement Plan	June 2007
Approval of most recent Procurement Plan	See above
Publication for Local Advertisements	August 2007
Period Covered by this Plan	October 2007–September 2011

TA = technical assistance.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

D. Procurement Thresholds for Goods and Related Services

Table A6.2: Procurement Thresholds for Good and Related Services^a

Procurement Method	Value
ICB Works (none)	Over \$1,000,000
ICB Goods	Over \$500,000
NCB Goods (12e)	Over \$100,000
Shopping Goods (1e, 2e, 6e, 9e, 11e, 14e, 15e)	Over \$5,000
Direct Purchase (none)	Up to \$5,000
Exceptional Methods	
None	

e = equipment packages in Supplementary Appendix H, ICB = international competitive bidding, NCB = national competitive bidding.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

E. Procurement Thresholds for Consulting Services

Table A6.3: Procurement Thresholds for Consulting Services^a

Procurement Method	Value
Quality Cost Based Selection	Over \$200,000
Consultants Qualifications Selection (None)	Over \$100,000
Least Cost Selection (None)	
Individual Selection: 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 11c, 13, 14c	
Alternative Methods	
Quality Based Selection: ^b 12c	
Fixed budget: ^c 3c, 10c	

c = consulting packages in Supplementary Appendix H.
Source: Asian Development Bank.

- ^a Note that all training packages (see indicative procurement packages below) will be provided in conjunction with relevant associated consulting packages.
- ^b Quality-based selection will be employed to procure a consultant package where the assignment is complex, highly specialized with overriding importance on the impact of the quality of the services.
- ^c The Fixed Budget method is used for a lump sum fixed contract for conducting publicity of National Integrity Strategy (NIS) across the country, and for evaluation of NIS and implementation of United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) by an independent source.

Table A6.4: Indicative Procurement Packages for the Technical Assistance

Item	Quantity	Cost	Mode of Procurement
A. Consulting Services (c) Packages	Person-Months		
1c. Strengthening Governance Unit, Cabinet Division	72	\$304,000	Individual
2c. Strengthening Office of the Registrar, Supreme Court	48	\$220,000	Individual
3c. NIS Publicity	9	\$50,000	Least cost
4c. Support for Strengthening Legislative Framework	7	\$44,000	Individual
5c. ACC Decentralized System	4	\$15,200	Individual
6c. Strengthening Judicial Service Commission	10	\$38,000	Individual
7c. Supreme Court Monitoring and Reporting	6	\$22,800	Individual
8c. Support for VCAs and Grievance Handling Mechanisms	15	\$57,000	Individual
9c. Support to Public Service Commission	10	\$70,400	Individual
10c. Evaluation of NIS, UNCAC, and Partnership Implementation	10	\$120,000	Fixed budget
11c. ACC - Performance Management Scheme	8	\$30,400	Individual
12c. ACC - Prosecution Unit Strengthening	15	\$108,000	QBS
13c. Support to Ministry of Shipping for Port Operations	15	\$105,600	Individual
14c. Support to Ministry of Establishment	12	\$78,000	Individual
Subtotal (A)	241	\$1,263,400	
B. Equipment, Technology, and Materials (e) Packages			
1e. Strengthening Governance Unit, Cabinet Division		\$15,000	Shopping
2e. Strengthening Office of the Registrar, Supreme Court		\$15,000	Shopping
6e. Strengthening Judicial Service Commission		\$15,000	Shopping
9e. Support to Public Service Commission		\$25,000	Shopping
11e. ACC - Performance Management Scheme		\$10,000	Shopping
12e. ACC - Prosecution Unit Strengthening		\$150,000	NCB
14e. Support to Ministry of Establishment		\$25,000	Shopping
15e. Supporting ERD on Aid Governance		\$25,000	Shopping
Subtotal (B)		\$280,000	
C. Training (t) Packages			
1t. Strengthening Governance Unit, Cabinet Division (<i>ref. 1c</i>)		\$20,000	
2t. Strengthening Office of the Registrar, Supreme Court (<i>ref. 2c</i>)		\$20,000	
4t. Support for Strengthening Legislative Framework (<i>ref. 4c</i>)		\$15,000	Individual
5t. ACC Decentralized System (<i>ref. 5c</i>)		\$20,000	Individual
6t. Strengthening Judicial Service Commission (<i>ref. 6c</i>)		\$10,000	Individual
7t. Supreme Court Monitoring and Reporting (<i>ref. 7c</i>)		\$25,000	Individual
8t. Support for VCAs and Grievance Handling Mechanisms (<i>ref. 8c</i>)		\$40,000	Individual (part)
9t. Support to Public Service Commission (<i>ref. 9c</i>)		\$30,000	Individual (part)
11t. ACC - Performance Management Scheme (<i>ref. 11c</i>)		\$5,000	Individual
12t. ACC - Prosecution Unit Strengthening (<i>ref. 12c</i>)		\$200,000	QBS
13t. Support to Ministry of Shipping for Port Operations (<i>ref. 13c</i>)		\$25,000	Individual
14t. Support to Ministry of Establishment		\$50,000	Individual (part)
15t. Supporting ERD on Aid Governance		\$70,000	
Subtotal (C)		\$530,000	
Total for Procurement Packages		\$2,073,400	
Other (non-procurement items)^a		\$145,000	
Contingencies		\$281,600	
Total		\$2,500,000	

NCB = national competitive bidding, QBS = quality-based selection.

^a Including \$80,000 for international and local travel, \$40,000 for reports and communications, \$25,000 for administrative and support costs. Excludes \$0.5 million for counterpart in-kind costs.

Source: Asian Development Bank estimates.