

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE ON THE SPECIAL EVALUATION STUDY OF SELECTED ADB INTERVENTIONS ON NUTRITION AND FOOD FORTIFICATION

On 3 February 2005, the Director General, Operations Evaluation Department, received the following response from the Managing Director General on behalf of Management:

1. Management endorses the recommendations of the Special Evaluation Study. Management also acknowledges that current processing and implementation of nutrition-related projects take into consideration the recommendations and conclusions set out in the Special Evaluation Study.
2. Follow-up TAs, approved or under preparation, are tailored to the local social conditions of the region (e.g. Central Asia) or the country (e.g., Indonesia and Pakistan), and focus on fortifying the food consumed by the poor. The Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR)-financed projects and proposals include small investment components, which are indeed considered essential to increase the effectiveness and impact of the TA. As recommended by the Special Evaluation Study, more attention will be paid to assessing the costs of quality assurance and standardization when preparing cost-effectiveness analyses and assessing the sustainability of our food fortification interventions.