

III. ACTIVITIES FOR 2008

50. For 2008, OCO will focus on the following:

(i) Continuing with actions in response to recommendations from the Special Evaluation Study on JFPR;

(ii) continuing efforts to increase grant utilization through:

- a) early programming of JFPR project possibilities and seed money applications with regional departments and/or divisions,
- b) identification of JFPR focal points within regional departments and/or divisions,
- c) issuing communications on the 2008 Guidance Paper and Revised Guidelines, and
- d) maintaining high visibility for JFPR within ADB;

(iii) continuing actions to improve portfolio performance and disbursement through:

- a) working with the JFPR focal persons, regional departments' operations coordination divisions, and resident missions' project administration units to address portfolio level issues and concerns;
- b) (b) undertaking special missions to monitor country programs and help address operational issues; and

(iv) continuing efforts to promote knowledge management, dissemination of lessons learned, and enhancement of JFPR visibility through:

- a) continuation of the JFPR series and the publication series;
- b) ensuring inclusion of in-country dissemination meetings in grants budgets and work plans and completion and dissemination of project completion reports and implementation completion memoranda;
- c) inclusion of photo-essays and project write-ups on the JFPR website; and
- d) continued use of ADB Today, JRO e-Newsletter, and other ADB media resources.