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NATIONAL POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES**

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## ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	– Asian Development Bank
CSP	– country strategy and program
CSPU	– country strategy and program updates
DFID	– Department for International Development of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
DMC	– Developing member country
ECRD	– East and Central Asia Department
ERDI	– Development Indicators and Policy Research Division
GCF	– Governance Cooperation Fund
GMS	– Greater Mekong Subregion
MDG	– Millennium Development Goals
MKRD	– Mekong Department
NGO	– Nongovernment organization
NGOC	– Nongovernment Organization Center
NPRS Fund	– Cooperation Fund in Support of the Formulation and Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategies
OCO	– Office of Cofinancing Operations
PARD	– Pacific Department
PRC	– People’s Republic of China
PRF	– Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund
RCSP	– Regional Cooperation Strategy and Program
RM	– resident mission
RSDD	– Regional and Sustainable Development Department
RSPR	– Poverty Reduction and Social Development Division, RSDD
SARD	– South Asia Department
TA	– technical assistance

## NOTE

In this report, “\$” refers to US dollar.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. This Third Annual Report on the Cooperation Fund in Support of the Formulation and Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategies (NPRS) covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2004. The Report summarizes the overall achievements of the NPRS Fund in portfolio development and management and the proposed work program for 2004.

2. The Report was prepared by the Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in collaboration with the Office of Cofinancing Operations (OCO). It complies with the reporting requirements stipulated in the NPRS Fund Board Paper and the Channel Financing Arrangement (CFA).<sup>1</sup> The Report builds on the Second Annual Report (January–December 2003) and other relevant reports that have been submitted to the Government of the Netherlands. The next annual report will be submitted in early 2006.

## II. BACKGROUND

### A. Objectives

3. The NPRS Fund was established on 22 November 2001 as a multidonor fund, with an initial contribution of Dutch guilders 15 million<sup>2</sup> (approximately \$8.0 million as of 31 December 2004) from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Netherlands). The Fund supports ADB's poverty reduction strategy by helping developing member countries (DMCs) formulate, prioritize, implement, monitor, and reformulate their respective national poverty reduction strategies. It does so through (i) collaborative work with stakeholders in DMCs through temporary consultant support to contribute to the poverty reduction strategy process, (ii) support to participatory and consultative processes, (iii) training and capacity-building activities to DMCs, and (iv) research and analytical work. The key outputs are (i) national poverty reduction strategies formulated, (ii) substantial inputs for implementing the strategies, (iii) better understanding of poverty in DMCs, (iv) improved skills of DMC stakeholders, and (v) enhanced collaboration between ADB and the donors in formulating and implementing the national poverty reduction strategy.

### B. Eligibility

4. To be eligible for NPRS Fund assistance, proposals should (i) strongly focus on supporting a national poverty reduction strategy; (ii) show evidence of country ownership and the inclusiveness of the proposed approach; (iii) promote sound collaboration with other donors; (iv) avoid supporting activities that would otherwise be financed by ADB (additionality factor); and (v) support systemic poverty reduction at a country level. The Fund also emphasizes that each proposal must have explicit links with ADB's country strategy and program (CSP) and its annual updates (CSPUs). ADB staff members are eligible to submit proposals.

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<sup>1</sup> ADB. 2001. *Cooperation Fund in Support of the Formulation and Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategies*. Manila; and ADB 2001. *Channel Financing Arrangement between the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation and the Asian Development Bank in regard to a Contribution to the Cooperation Fund in Support of the Formulation and Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategies.*, Manila.

<sup>2</sup> Converted into and fixed at about €6.8 million in 2001.

5. Given its size, the NPRS Fund initially focused only on Cambodia, People's Republic of China (PRC), Indonesia, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, and Viet Nam. Given the broadening demand for assistance, the Fund later expanded its coverage to all DMCs.

### **C. Approval Procedure**

6. Since the establishment of the Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund (PRF) financed by the Department for International Development of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (DFID) in July 2002, the approval procedure of the NPRS Fund has been fully aligned with that of the PRF. The procedure comprises two main stages: concept paper endorsement by the donor and technical assistance (TA) paper approval by ADB. First, the requests for NPRS Fund assistance are received by RSDD as a coordinating department from the ADB regional departments or resident missions throughout the year. In 2004, the proposals were solicited in two 6-monthly batches. Following a brief discussion, ADB staff prepare proposals and submit them to RSDD. The concept papers are screened in light of the NPRS Fund eligibility criteria (para. 4). RSDD then organizes peer review meetings to solicit comments from selected staff and to determine the funding eligibility of the proposals. RSDD consolidates the peer review-supported proposals and submits them to the Netherlands for a no-objection clearance<sup>3</sup>. The second stage is to obtain ADB approval. The operational project teams process the respective TA papers in accordance with ADB procedures and based on further discussion with the governments and civil society of the respective countries, and submit them for approval to the ADB Management or Board of Directors as appropriate. After ADB approval, ADB and the governments sign the TA cooperation letters, and project implementation begins. The detailed NPRS Fund/PRF processing steps are in Appendix 1.

### **D. Fund Management**

7. The management of the NPRS Fund has been lodged with the Poverty Reduction and Social Development Division (RSPR) of RSDD. RSDD/RSPR also performs similar functions for the PRF. RSDD/RSPR functions as ADB's internal clearinghouse for policy compliance and quality assurance for the NPRS Fund. OCO acts as the official channel of communications between the donors and ADB, particularly on the financial performance of the Fund.

### **E. Coordination and Partnership**

8. As mentioned in paras. 6 and 7, the NPRS Fund is administered and managed in close coordination with the PRF. The NPRS Fund and PRF partnership is strengthened through joint semi-annual strategy meetings in Manila during which the work program and the status of project implementation are discussed. The agenda of these strategy meetings, among others, include (i) progress and outputs of portfolio and pipeline; (ii) programming issues, including the strategic focus of the Fund in line with the global commitments such as Millennium Development Goals, managing for development results, harmonization, etc., (iii) implementation issues and ways to accelerate disbursements; and (iv) outreach and communication.

9. The NPRS Fund also complements ADB's other poverty reduction funds and cofinancing mechanisms such as the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Technical Assistance Cooperation

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<sup>3</sup> In January 2004, the Netherlands and DFID agreed to have the peer review process determine the funding eligibility instead of the semi-annual NPRS/PRF strategy meetings, the practice that had been followed until 2003.

Fund for India, and DFID-ADB Poverty Reduction Partnership in Indonesia. Further, the NPRS Fund is coordinated with other thematic/sector trust funds managed by RSDD, such as Gender and Development Cooperation Fund, Governance Cooperation Fund, and many others. Periodic information sharing and discussion with other fund coordinators prevent overlaps and ensure complementarities across proposed activities.

#### **F. Reporting**

10. ADB furnishes the Netherlands with annual reports and semi-annual progress updates, as per the NPRS Fund Board Paper (para. 2). As the donor had requested strengthening of disbursement monitoring, OCO submits quarterly reports on the status of the grant and statement of expenditures prepared by the Controller's Department. The semi-annual NPRS Fund/PRF strategy meetings also offer an opportunity for ADB to make up-to-date reports to the donors.

#### **G. Monitoring and Evaluation**

11. The overall performance of the NPRS Fund is evaluated against the outputs specified in para. 3. Detailed methodologies will be developed in line with a comprehensive review in 2005 (para. 32).

### **III. OVERVIEW OF NPRS FUND ACHIEVEMENTS: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2004**

12. The NPRS Fund had a mixed performance in the reporting period. After the stagnant pace of new proposal endorsement in the first three quarters, four new proposals were endorsed in the last quarter, indicating the renewed demand for the Fund. However, both the volume and speed of new TA approval by the ADB management went down in 2004. Disbursement stagnated after peaking in the first quarter, as the group of TAs approved in the early years (2001-2002) was approaching closure while the new group of TAs was still struggling to reach the stage of high-level disbursements. In the meantime, two TAs were withdrawn due to the stagnant progress. Nevertheless, the TAs in a mature implementation stage have shown successful results. Details follow.

#### **A. Project Portfolio Development and Management**

13. **Overview.** As of 31 December 2004, the Netherlands had endorsed 19 project proposals worth \$6,200,000 for financing by the NPRS Fund. They comprised three proposals endorsed in November 2001 (totaling \$700,000), one in July 2002 (\$500,000), two in December 2002 (totaling \$ 700,000) and seven in July 2003 (totaling \$1,850,000). For the year 2004, a total of six projects were endorsed, with a total amount of \$ 2,450,000. Of the 19 projects, 1 has been completed and fully implemented (\$50,000). Thirteen TAs are being implemented (\$4,000,000), and five are being processed (\$2,150,000). The projects that the Netherlands endorsed for NPRS Fund financing are listed in Appendix 2.

14. **Portfolio Distribution.** The regional balance across DMCs was maintained during 2004. In the entire portfolio, the Mekong Region had the largest number of TAs (six, compared with four in December 2003), followed by the East and Central Asia Region (five, compared with four in 2003), the South Asia Region (three, with two in 2003) and the inter-regional TAs (three, with two in 2003). The Pacific Region had two TAs with no new endorsement in 2004.

15. In terms of the four categories of core TA emphasis (para. 3), (i) 13 TAs provided support to collaborative work with stakeholders to contribute to the national poverty reduction strategy process, (ii) nine TAs emphasized participatory and consultative processes, (iii) 11 TAs focused on training to DMCs, and (iv) seven TAs provided research and analytical work. Examples of each type among the projects endorsed in 2004 are in the box.

### **Technical Assistance Illustrating Four Categories of Emphasis**

#### **Case 1: Collaborative Work for National Poverty Reduction Strategies**

*Azerbaijan: Participatory Strategy Development and Implementation for Achieving the MDGs (being processed, \$575,000)*

In close coordination with the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, the proposed TA aims to assist with the Ministry of Economic Development in preparing an MDG-focused new national poverty reduction strategy accompanied by a fully-costed medium-term expenditure plan and procedures and establishing a management information system for monitoring the progress in the strategy implementation. The TA draws on the recent experience of ADB in supporting the preparation of the Poverty Reduction and Economic Development 2003-2005, which is coming to an end. The new strategy will be developed in a participatory and consultative manner, based on direct feedbacks from the poor communities on the effectiveness of the previous strategy.

#### **Case 2: Participatory and Consultative Process**

*ADB, 2004. Technical Assistance to Mongolia for Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring. Manila. (TA 4383-MON, \$300,000)*

The TA supports the National Statistics Office in establishing and implementing a participatory poverty assessment and monitoring framework. Such a framework is expected to (i) facilitate monitoring of the implementation of the economic growth support and poverty reduction strategy approved in 2003, (ii) provide feedback to policy makers and other key stakeholders on program effectiveness in meeting the needs of people at the grassroots level, and (iii) ensure the complementary role of qualitative poverty data collection.

#### **Case 3: Training and Capacity Building**

*Pakistan: Development of Pilot District Level Poverty Targeted Action Plan, Balochistan (being processed, \$500,000)*

The proposed TA aims to provide extensive training and capacity building to governments and communities at union council and district levels to develop targeted poverty reduction plans, assisted by local consultants and NGO. A range of participatory methodologies will be applied to analyze current situation and prepare a joint plan.

#### **Case 4: Research and Analytical Work**

*Mekong Regional: Developing New Policy Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihoods Protection and Natural Resource Management Among Ethnic Minorities of the Greater Mekong Subregion (being processed, \$150,000)*

The proposed desk study aims to assess the overall impacts of previous and ongoing policies related to shifting cultivation, land use planning and allocation, forest management, and relocation on poverty and well being among the ethnic minorities in Lao PDR and Viet Nam. It is the intention of the study to provide recommendations for appropriate sector strategies and policies and institutional capacity strengthening in these countries.

16. **Endorsement.** Six proposals totaling \$3,925,000 or 32% of the total portfolio were endorsed in 2004, including: (i) capacity building of central and local governments and the civil society in developing and managing a participatory poverty monitoring and evaluation system in Mongolia; (ii) capacity building of elected officials at the district level in planning and delivering poverty reduction interventions in Balochistan, Pakistan; (iii) strengthening the planning and monitoring capacity of the Ministry of Economic Development in Azerbaijan in developing a Millennium Development Goals strategy formulation and implementation; (iv) replication of a pilot-proven poverty monitoring and evaluation system to 14 oblasts and two cities in Kazakhstan; (v) development of a medium-term expenditure framework for implementation of the National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy in Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR); and (vi) consolidated impact assessment of policies and programs related to shifting cultivation, relocation programs and forest management in Lao PDR and Viet Nam. Of the six projects, one project (Mongolia) was already approved by ADB in 2004 and is now ready for implementation.

17. The pace of new endorsement, however, was slow with only two new endorsements in the first three quarters. During the last quarter, however, the pace significantly picked up with the endorsement of four new proposals. While this is partly due to the temporary freeze of uptake by the PRF in October-December 2004 resulting in the renewed attention to the NPRS Fund, the generally growing demand for policy and upstream work related to MDGs and NPRSs was evident during this period. It is assumed that this derives from: (i) the increased emphasis on policy/upstream work on poverty in the Enhanced Poverty Reduction Strategy of ADB (June 2004); (ii) the expiry of NPRSs or national planning documents in many DMCs, requiring formulation of new ones; and (iii) the strengthened public relations on the NPRS Fund by the NPRS management team (para. 26).

18. **ADB Approval.** Four TAs (\$1,700,000), or 42% of the total 14 approved TAs (\$4,050,000) were approved in 2004. This is slightly lower than the approval of seven TAs (\$1,990,000) in 2003. The average speed of approval (i.e., between concept endorsement and ADB approval) in 2004 among the four TAs was 10.2 months, much slower than 6.9 months among the seven TAs approved in 2003. Three of the four TAs surpassed the '9-months cut-off' rule<sup>4</sup>, as they experienced delays due to (i) illness of the project officer; (ii) changes in the project officers; and (iii) time required to clarify the country concurrence requirement for regional TAs.

19. **Implementation.** A total of 13 TAs are currently under implementation. The pace of implementation of these TAs has been generally on track in 2004, except for CAM 3955 (*engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission*) and SRI 4278 (*Poverty Assessment and Information Management*) both of which had experienced a stagnant period until the consultants were in place in November 2004. Of the 13 TAs, three are nearing completion: (i) RETA 6047 (*National Poverty Reduction Strategies in the Pacific Developing Member Countries*); (ii) CAM 4037 (*Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy*); and (iii) UZB 3871 (*Comprehensive medium-term Strategy for Improving the Living Standards of the People of Uzbekistan*). The detailed descriptions and status of all projects are in Appendix 3.

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<sup>4</sup> Special permissions were requested for the three projects by processing divisions to surpass the 9-months processing period. Given the advance stage of processing at the time of request, these were granted by the NPRS Coordinator in consultation with the donor.

20. **Dropped TAs.** Two TAs have been withdrawn from the portfolio, due to the stagnant progress. Having approved in August 2003, PRC 4158 (*Participatory Poverty Reduction Planning for Small Minorities*) experienced difficulties in the selection of the domestic consulting firm. The standstill continued for 12 months and triggered the '12-months lapse' rule of the ADB TA administration, which specifies that such TAs would be automatically cancelled. Proposed RETA on *Training and Capacity Building for Monitoring Poverty Reduction* was cancelled in November 2004, as the inter-departmental feedbacks from the ADB provided in September had indicated that a significant preparatory work would be further required.

21. **Preliminary Impacts.** While the overall impacts are yet to be assessed, all the three TAs approaching completion have successfully produced the expected outputs<sup>5</sup>. In addition, there are signs of 'scaling-up' in all these TAs, i.e., the TA outputs and outcomes leading to another level of interventions or feeding into a new policy or system formulation. In the Pacific Region, RETA 6047 (*National Poverty Reduction Strategies...*) has resulted in the Pacific Strategy (approved by ADB in October 2004) that calls for the strengthened emphasis in institutional development and attention to the political economy dynamics that influence development and poverty reduction process. The participatory process applied in CAM 4037 (*Dissemination of National Poverty Reduction Strategy*) has identified priority poverty issues which would contribute to the formulation of a new socio-economic development plan III due in 2005. The medium-term strategy for improving the living standards developed under UZB 3781 (*Comprehensive Medium-Term Strategy for ...*) in Uzbekistan has been integrated into the Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper under preparation with the support of the World Bank.

## B. Financial Status

22. **Overview.** The total NPRS Fund contribution committed by the Netherlands is about €6.8 million (footnote 2) for project financing from November 2001 to December 2005. As of 31 December 2004, the value of the NPRS Fund (including income from investment and interest earned) was \$8.0 million. Of this, ADB had received \$2.32 million. Of the total contribution of the Netherlands, \$4.05 million had been committed (i.e., approved by ADB) for 14 TAs (para. 18). The total actual expenditure of the committed amount was \$1.31 million. Together with administrative costs and bank charges, the total expenditure totaled \$1.38 million. Including administration costs, bank charges and other miscellaneous costs, the remaining uncommitted balance was \$3.88 million, of which \$2.15 million for five TAs being processed was expected to be committed soon. The financial statement as of 31 December 2004 is in Appendix 4.

23. **Disbursement.** Actual disbursement during 2004 was \$587,483, an increase from \$725,420 on 31 December 2003 (for 10 TAs totaling \$2.35 million) to \$1,312,903 on 31 December 2004 (for 14 TAs totaling \$4.05 million). Most of the incremental expenditure came from progress made in 6 TAs: RETA 6120 (*Developing a Social protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction*); RETA 6047 (*National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific Developing Member Countries*); RETA 6157 (*Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific*); RETA 6171 (*Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS*); TA 4283-MON (*Participatory poverty Assessment and Monitoring*); TA 4037-CAM (*Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy*).

<sup>5</sup> For more details, see para. 10, *Sixth Semi-Annual Progress Update: July-December 2004*, available at: <http://adb.org/NPRS/progress.asp>.

24. **Disbursement Projections.** Pursuant to the agreements made during the Fourth Strategy Meeting in January 2004, a long-term disbursement projection was prepared by the ADB in July 2004, to provide a basis for the 6-monthly payment schedules of the NPRS. The projections, using statistical methodologies drawing on the previous disbursement patterns of ADB-wide advisory TAs, projected the additional disbursements in 2004 at about \$1.0 million<sup>6</sup>. However, as this turned out to be an optimistic scenario compared with the actual disbursement amount (\$587,483), a more conservative new projection for 2005 is now under preparation, using updated information about the recently endorsed projects. According to the new projection, the total incremental disbursement in 2005 is projected at about \$ 1.3 million, requiring additional remittance of about \$0.4 million by the third quarter in 2005.

### C. Key Achievements in Fund Management

25. **Extension of the Fund.** Given the slow pace of commitment and disbursements, the discussion with the Netherlands resulted in the extension of the Fund program from 31 August 2004 to 31 December 2005. The amendment to the CFA was prepared by ADB's Office of General Council and signed by the Netherlands Ambassador and the ADB President in November-December 2004. Further extension may be considered in 2005 to allow the longer disbursement period.

26. **Strategic Discussions.** During the review period, RSDD organized two semi-annual NPRS Fund/PRF strategy meetings in Manila (the Fourth Strategy Meeting on 27-29 January 2004 and the Fifth on 13-14 October 2004). These meetings provided strategic directions to the NPRS fund management, including, among others, (i) introduction of the 'light-touch' approach by donors, i.e., peer review process to be used as a venue for primary decision on funding eligibility (fourth meeting); (ii) introduction of a long-term disbursement projection and its updates as a basis for annual financial planning (fourth meeting); (iii) restructuring of the strategy meeting discussions away from individual proposals to macro-level strategic issues (starting from the fifth meeting); (iv) agreement on schedules and terms of reference of a mid-term review in 2005 (fifth meeting); (v) preparation and implementation of a new regional TA to strengthen knowledge generation and sharing across NPRS/PRF and with other poverty-related activities in ADB (fifth meeting); (vi) adjustments in some eligibility criteria, e.g., flexible approach to international consultant recruitment (fifth meeting); and (vii) further dissemination of the NPRS Fund's detailed criteria and procedures (fifth meeting). Follow-up actions have been immediately taken by the NPRS/PRF management team.

27. **Introduction of Uptake in October.** Following the decision made at the fourth strategy meeting to align, to the extent possible, the scheduled uptakes of the NPRS/PRF proposals with the annual CSP/U programming procedures, the October uptake of new proposals for NPRS funding was introduced for the first time as an experiment to allow the endorsed proposals' inclusion in the discussion with the government during the country programming confirmation mission in November/December. All the three country-specific TAs endorsed during this period were subsequently included. Feedbacks from staff indicate the timeliness in the uptake schedule. It is expected that the trust funds-CSP/U alignment issue will be further discussed across all the trust funds coordinators in 2005.

28. **Assistance to Project Officers.** Quality peer review meetings continued in 2004, pulling together resource persons from across ADB, including the resident missions. The

<sup>6</sup> See *NPRS Long-Term Disbursement Projection and Revised Fund Duration. Explanatory Note* (July 2004).

NPRS/PRF Coordinator closely assisted NPRS project officers with the entire processing cycle. Cost-sharing support to fact-finding missions from the NPRS/PRF administration budget helped participation of additional mission members, contributing to the interdisciplinary TA design and participatory preparation process. Monitoring of TAs under implementation was strengthened with the required submission of key consultant outputs and back-to-office reports to the NPRS/PRF Coordinator.

29. **Information Dissemination.** Feedbacks from staff during the fifth strategy meeting has identified that, while the NPRS/PRF have been known to many, detailed criteria and procedures need further dissemination, especially to those who have not utilized these including Resident Missions. The NPRS Fund, in particular, appeared to be seen as a fund that solely focuses on formulation of NPRSs, despite the fact that the fund is open to a much broader upstream work that is aligned with respective countries' NPRSs. Sensitization and proactive dissemination activities were encouraged at the meeting, which was immediately followed up through various communication channels. This has resulted in the increase of the new concept paper submission.

30. **Revamped Website.** The revamping of the existing NPRS external website (<http://adb.org/nprs/>) was completed in July 2004. The website includes the general background of the Fund, eligibility and processing details, project portfolio and progress in each TA, news releases, and key reports. The site has been updated monthly since revamping.

31. **Coordination and Partnership.** Efforts to coordinate with other poverty reduction grant funds and thematic and/or sector trust funds continued in 2004, in the form of informal meetings and discussions on individual project proposals. Continuous harmonization with the PRF was confirmed in the two strategy meetings in 2004.

#### IV. ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2005

32. Two semiannual NPRS/PRF strategy meetings are scheduled for 2005 (May/June and November/December). Further, the following are set as targets for 2005.

- (i) Carry out a comprehensive review of the NPRS Fund in the latter half of 2005.
- (ii) Help the regional departments prepare quality proposals and complete the commitment of the remaining \$1.8 million by mid-2005.
- (iii) Accelerate ADB approval of endorsed projects by maintaining a cutoff date for approval (six months in 2005 instead of nine months applied in 2003-2004) and continuing streamlined procedures.
- (iv) Accelerate implementation of and disbursements for approved projects through close monitoring of disbursement targets.
- (v) Enhance outreach and communications through the revamped web site, press releases, other media tools, and continued consultation with regional departments.

- (vi) Strengthen exchange of knowledge generated by the NPRS/PRF projects within and outside of ADB through a preparation and implementation of a regional TA.
- (vii) Continue harmonization with other relevant donor-assisted grant funds.

### NPRS FUND/PRF PROJECT PROCESSING STEPS

Steps	Detailed Activities	Responsible Party	Indicative Processing Time (in weeks)																							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13-20	21	22	23	24	from here onwards						
Concept Development	1	Initial discussion among the Government, NGO, and other stakeholders (mostly in the context of project financing, economic and sector work activities, and CSPs).																								Operational Division, Stakeholders
	2	Project officer requests NPRS Fund/PRF assistance; submits draft concept paper through his/her director to the NPRS/PRF Coordinator using the NPRS/PRF Concept Paper Template																								Project Officer, NPRS Fund/PRF Coordinator, others
	3	NPRS Fund/PRF coordinator organizes peer review meeting to solicit comments from selected staff and to determine funding eligibility of the proposals.																								Project Officers, NPRS/PRF Coordinator and Peer Review Team
Prioritization and Donor Endorsement	4	RSDD consolidates the peer review-supported proposals and submits them to the Netherlands for a no-objection clearance																								NPRS/PRF Coordinator through the RSDD DG
	5	Additional projects can be submitted to the donors throughout the year.																								
	6	Project record creation in Project Processing Information System																								Project Officer
	7	Listing in <i>ADB Business Opportunities</i>																								Project Officer
	8	Projects can now be reflected in CSP or CSP Updates. If too late, ADB Concept Note to be prepared and submitted to respective Vice President for clearance <sup>a</sup> .																								Project Officer
ADB TA Approval	Internal Process	9	Project officer (with the help of NPRS Fund/PRF coordinator) prepares memo for mission cost sharing through the NPRS/PRF administrative budget.																							Project Officer
		10	RSPR approves NPRS Fund/PRF mission budget																							
	Fact-Finding Mission	11	Project officer conducts fact-finding mission, including donor and participatory stakeholder dialogue in the field.																							Project Officer (eventually with Team)
		12	Signing of memorandum of understanding with the Government																							Government
		13	Back-to-office report																							Project Officer through Regional Director
		14	Project officer prepares draft TA paper																							Project Officer (with support from RSPR)
		15	Interdepartmental comments																							Various Departments
16	Project officer submits technical assistance paper, through ADB process, for ADB approval																								Project Officer	
17	ADB approval																								Vice President, President, or Board of Directors	
<b>Implementation</b>																									Project Officer and Project Implementation Team	

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<sup>a</sup> Starting 2005, inter regional TAs are required to obtain concept clearance from the Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, prior to proposal submission to the NPRS/PRF

**PROJECTS ENDORSED FOR NPRS FINANCING BY THE NETHERLANDS (As of 31 December 2004)**

Region	Country	Project Title	NPRS Contribution	Project Officer	Division	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval	TA No.	Remarks
<b>A. PROJECTS COMPLETED</b>									
REG	INTER-REG	Regional Conference on National Poverty Reduction Strategies	50,000	B. Dark	SPPI	Nov-01	21-Nov-01	6006	Completed
	<b>1</b>	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>						
<b>B. PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION</b>									
ECRD	MON	Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring (PPAM)	300,000	S. Handayani	ECSS	Jan-04	24-Aug-04	4383	
ECRD	UZB	Comprehensive Medium-Term Strategy for Improving the Living Standards of the People of Uzbekistan	570,000	R. Abdukayumov	URM	Nov-01	28-Nov-01	3781	
ECRD	SUB-REG	Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction Strategies in Central Asia Region	350,000	S. Handayani	ECSS	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	6177	
MKRD	CAM	Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy	80,000	C. Ouch	CARM	Nov-01	16-Dec-02	4037	
MKRD	CAM	Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission (Extension)	31,500	C. Ouch	CARM	Jul-03	16-Dec-03	3955	TASF \$18,000; PRF \$63,500
MKRD	VIE	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	37,000	R. Adhikari	VRM	Jul-03	12-Dec-03	4252	TASF \$15,000; PRF \$73,000
MKRD	SUB-REG	Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS	750,000	M. Suga	MKAE	Jul-03	6-May-04	6171	

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<b>Region</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>NPRS Contribution</b>	<b>Project Officer</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Peer Review Meeting</b>	<b>ADB Approval</b>	<b>TA No.</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
SARD	PAK	Supporting of Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	31,500	N. Hamid/S. Parvez	PRM	Jul-03	18-Dec-03	4277	TASF \$39,000; PRF \$63,500
SARD	SRI	Poverty Assessment and Information Management	350,000	A. Gamaathige	SLRM/SAOC	Jul-03	18-Dec-03	4278	
PARD	SUB-REG	National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific Developing Member Countries	500,000	S. Pollard	PAHQ	Jul-02	6-Sep-02	6047	
PARD	SUB-REG	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	400,000	K. Taniguchi	PAHQ	Dec-02	18-Dec-03	6157	PRF\$400,000
REG	INTER-REG	Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operation	300,000	A. Sweetser	RSPR	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	6176	PRF \$300,000
REG	INTER-REG	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	300,000	A. Weber	SASS	Dec-02	27-Aug-03	6120	PRF \$300,000
	<b>13</b>	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>						
<b>C. PROJECTS UNDER PROCESSING</b>									
SARD	PAK	Balochistan Pilot District Level Poverty-Targeted Action Plans	500,000	N. Hamid/ E. Hooper	PRM	Jul-04	2005		
ECRD	AZE	Participatory Strategy Development and Implementation for Achieving the MDGs	575,000	J. Zveglich	ECOD/AZRM	Nov-04	2005		
ECRD	KAZ	Replicating Monitoring and Evaluation System for Poverty Reduction	150,000	L. Adriano	ECAE	Dec-04	2005		

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Region	Country	Program Project Title	NPRS Contribution	Project Officer	Division	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval	TA No.	Remarks
MKRD	LAO	Public Expenditure Management for NGPES (National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy)	700,000	S. Hattori	MKGF	Nov-04	2005		
MKRD	LAO/VIE	Developing New Policy Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihood Protection and Natural Resources Management among Ethnic Minorities of GMS	500,000	M. Mitra	MKAE	Nov-04	2005		
	<b>5</b>	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$2,425,000</b>						
	<b>19</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,475,000</b>						
<b>D. DROPPED TAs</b>									
ECRD	PRC	Participatory Poverty Reduction Planning for Small Minorities	840,000	D. Sobel	PRCM	Dec-02	12-Aug-03	4158	Dropped in October 2004
REG	INTER-REG	Training and Capacity Building for Monitoring Poverty Reduction	400,000	A. Panggabean	RSPR	Jul-03			Dropped in November 2004

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AZE = Azerbaijan	MKRD = Mekong Department	SARD = South Asia Department
AZRM = Azerbaijan Resident Mission	MKGF = Mekong Government, Trade and Finance Division	SASS = South Asia Social Sectors Division
CAM = Cambodia	MON = Mongolia	SLRM = Sri Lanka Resident Mission
CARM = Cambodia Resident Mission	PAHQ = Pacific Operations Division	SPPI = Strategic Planning, Policy and Inter-agency Relations
ECAE = East and Central Asia Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division	PARD = Pacific Division	SRI = Sri Lanka
ECOD = East and Central Asia Operations Division	PAK = Pakistan	SUB-REG = Sub regional
ECRD = East and Central Asia Department	PRM = Pakistan Residence Mission	TASF = Technical Assistance Special Fund
ECSS = East and Central Asia Social Sectors Division	REG = regional	URM = Uzbekistan Resident Mission
INTER-REG = Interregional	RSDD = Regional and Sustainable Development Department	UZB = Uzbekistan
KAZ = Kazakhstan	RSPR = Poverty Reduction and Social Development Division	VIE = Viet Nam
LAO = Lao People's Democratic Republic	SAOC = South Asia Operations Division	VRM = Viet Nam Resident Mission
MKAE = Mekong Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division		

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Region	Country	TA No.	Name of Project	Division	Amount	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval	Project Description	Project Status as of 31 December 2004
<b>A. Projects Completed</b>									
REG	INTER-REG	6006	Regional Conference on National Poverty Reduction Strategies	SPPI	50,000	Nov-01	21-Nov-01	Support to the high-level Regional Conference on PRSP formulation and progress review, co-organized by IMF, UNDP, and WB.	Completed on time in 2001. The fund enabled ADB to play strategic roles in PRSP formulation and monitoring. The conference led to a larger involvement of ADB in the second conference in October 2003 in Phnom Penh.
					<b>Sub total</b>	<b>50,000</b>			
<b>B. Projects Under Implementation</b>									
ECRD	MON	4383	Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring (PPAM)	ECSS	300,000	Jan-04	24-Aug-04	Capacity-building support to governments (national and local) and civil society to monitor and evaluate national poverty reduction programs under Mongolia's NPRS (Economic Growth Support and Poverty Reduction Strategy). Effective targeting of the poor and integration of qualitative and quantitative poverty assessments are the two key areas of capacity building.	Implementation on track. A tripartite inception meeting was held on 3 November 2004, comprising of officials from the Executing Agency (National Statistics Office), ADB, and the consultants (2 international and 2 domestic) who had been recruited in mid-October 2004. The team completed the first participatory poverty assessment of two provinces and urban areas. The initial findings of the assessment will complement the Living Standard Measurement Survey 2002/2003 as part of country poverty analysis for CSP 2005.
ECRD	UZB	3781	Comprehensive Medium-Term Strategy for Improving the Living Standards of the People of Uzbekistan	ECAE	570,000	Nov-01	28-Nov-01	Capacity-building support to prepare a medium-term poverty reduction strategy with key stakeholder participation (Component 1). The project will assist statistical data collection on living standards (Component 2) as well as provide training to policy makers on pro-poor growth strategies and social policy (Component 3). The key output will be the medium-term strategy.	The TA carried out the final stage of activities in 2004, including the procurement of a statistical software package (Component 2) and provision of training (Component 3). The key output of the TA, i.e., medium-term living standard strategy, has been accomplished in June 2004 (see: <a href="http://www.adb.org/Documents/Policies/Lss/lss-strategy-eng.pdf">http://www.adb.org/Documents/Policies/Lss/lss-strategy-eng.pdf</a> ). The strategy has been integrated into the Interim-Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (I-PRSP) being prepared with the assistance by the World Bank. The donor meeting on I-PRSP due in January will decide the future assistance of ADB to the State Statistics Committee. Some more training activities are expected in 2005, but the TA is nearly complete.

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Region	Country	TA No.	Name of Project	Division	Amount	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval	Project Description	Project Status as of 31 December 2004
ECRD	SUB-REG	6177	Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction Strategies in Central Asian Region	ECSS	350,000	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	Capacity-building assistance to develop or update gender strategies in four Central Asian Republics that would influence or be part of the respective NPRSs and relevant policies/strategies/plans, based on detailed country-level gender and poverty analysis and stakeholder discussions.	Implementation on track. The two international consultants have started work in October/November. For Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan, field work was conducted in October/November and the first draft report is expected in January 2005. The fieldwork for Kazakhstan and Tajikistan is scheduled to commence in early January 2005. In-house peer review panel was formulated in December 2004 to review the four reports.
MKRD	CAM	3955	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Cambodia (poverty expert extension)	CARM	31,500	Jul-03	15-Dec-03	Capacity-building support to the country through a RM poverty consultant for two 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.	After a long delay, the TA finally resumed and on track now. After the approval of the TA expansion, a qualified domestic consultant was selected. ADB's consulting services office failed to offer satisfactory rates. Another round of recruitment was carried out which identified another consultant, who started reporting to CARM in November 2004. The resident mission consultant has provided support to missions from ADB Headquarter for poverty assessments and provided mainstream poverty focus in TAs and loans. She is currently working on a position paper for ADB support to the preparation of the next Government planning document. The SSTA is scheduled to continue till October 2006.
MKRD	CAM	4037	Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy	MKOC	80,000	Nov-01	16-Dec-02	Support to widely disseminate NPRS of Cambodia to local level and civil society.	Implementation on track. Key activities have been completed in the reporting period, including the final consultation workshop held in Battambang on 15 July 2004, following the two workshops held in the previous reporting period. The forum were all broadcasted on TV and radio, contributed to the awareness raising of general public. Useful feedback and suggestions on the government's Socioeconomic Development Plan (SEDP) II and NPRS were provided. It is expected that the balance of the TA (\$35,000) will be used to recruit a consultant to draw on the key feedback of the TA and support the preparation of the upcoming SEDP III.

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MKRD	VIE	4252	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	VRM	37,000	Aug-03	12-Dec-03	Capacity-building support to the country through a RM poverty consultant. 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.	Implementation on track. The domestic consultant at VRM started work in June. The consultant actively supported VRM in carrying out the following tasks: poverty analysis and related activities at national and local government; support to the Poverty Task Force in Viet Nam; training provided to the Ministry of Planning and Investment and provincial planning departments on participatory poverty assessment and poverty reduction planning; support to the preparation of the 2006-2010 CSP; maintain database on poverty for VRM; support to relevant government agencies for CPRGS implementation; support to TA project missions and TA peer reviews to strengthen pro-poor aspects of projects.
MKRD	SUB-REG	6171	Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS	MKAE	750,000	Jul-03	28-Feb-04	Assessment of the nature and extent of cross-border poverty issues including impact of cross-border trade, developed transport and communication network, increased mobility of people, differentiated impacts based on ethnicity, gender, etc. The findings will influence both country-based NPRS as well as regional cooperation strategies updates.	Slight delays were experienced after the approval. However, an inception mission for the RETA was undertaken in November 2004 to all the four participating countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Viet Nam). The inception meetings identified the workplan and implementation schedules. The regional coordinator has been recruited and based in ADB Headquarters. Household survey and social development experts are in the process of being contacted. Steering committees to oversee the overall implementation of the project have been chosen in each of the countries and a preliminary literature review has been initiated. National consultations with government agencies, other donors and civil society are currently being planned in each country in January. The recruitment of national research institutes for surveys is underway.
PARD	SUB-REG	6047	National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific Developing Member Countries	PAHQ	500,000	Jul-02	6-Sep-02	Provide support to carry out participatory poverty assessment in 4 countries (Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Tonga, and Tuvalu) applying the methodologies previously developed in another RETA.	Implementation on track and mostly completed. More than 90% of funds have been disbursed. Residual funds were used to help publish the "Priorities of the Poor" booklets in Pacific languages. A TA Completion Report has been drafted awaiting final closure of remaining accounts. The TCR records a provisional overall assessment of highly satisfactory, as the key outputs were prepared in a participatory manner and the findings have contributed to the Pacific Strategy (approved in October 2004).

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Reg	Ctry	TA No.	Name of Project	Division	Amount	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval	Project Description	Project Status as of 31 December 2004
PARD	SUB-REG	6157	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	PAHQ	400,000	Dec-02	18-Dec-03	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.	Implementation on track. Implementation started in July 2004. Activities under the awareness program (including project website under: <a href="http://www.spc.int/">http://www.spc.int/</a> ); data collection and regional poverty database, and MDG monitoring are all on schedule. The inception report was written and circulated widely. The consultant assisted in the design of census questionnaire for Tuvalu and analyzed the 2002 Urban household Income and Expenditure data in Fiji.
SARD	PAK	4277	Support of Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	PRM	31,500	Sep-03	18-Dec-03	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.	Implementation on track. The PRM-based domestic consultant started work in June 2004. He prepared the Annual Report of PRSP for 2004-2004. In this report, an analysis was made of the progress made in meeting PRSP expenditure targets and achievements of intermediate and output indicators. The PRSP Progress report for 1Q 2004-2205 was also already completed. The consultant also facilitated the PRSP Secretariat and delivered a presentation (July 2004) on Poverty Targeting in Pakistan as part of the ADBI-PRM organized seminar on Poverty Targeting in Asia: Lessons for Pakistan. Another presentation on Non-farm Sector and Poverty was delivered in a seminar (Nov. 2004) organized by DFID and ADB.
SARD	SRI	4278	Poverty Assessment and Information Management	SLRM/SAOC	350,000	Jul-03	31-Jan-04	Help improve poverty data collection methodologies and analysis to make them consistent across the country.	Significantly delayed. Approved in Dec 2003, the consultancy selection was finally completed in late November 2004. The Center for Poverty Analysis, a highly respected Sri Lankan consultancy firm, has been selected. Now that the contract has been signed, TA implementation is expected to proceed within the normal timeframe.
REG	INTER-REG	6120	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	SASS	300,000	Dec-02	27-Aug-03	Develop social protection index to enable monitoring of policies and programs implementation related to the sector.	Implementation on track. Two country workshops were held in June and October. The country studies for the six participation countries (Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan and Viet Nam) were finalized. In March 2005, the final RETA workshop is scheduled in the ADB Headquarters.
REG	INTER-REG	6176	Building Capacity for Participatory Development Activities to Promote Poverty Reduction	RSPR	300,000	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	Capacity building on participatory pro-poor policy/strategy development and project planning and M&E. Teams comprising ADB-Consultant-Government-NGOs will be assisted.	After a slow processing, the TA was approved in July. However, as it involves many countries, receipt of concurrence letters from the participating Governments is longer than expected. Shortlisting of consulting firms have been completed and invitation for proposals sent out. Implementation is expected to start in Q1 2005.
<b>Sub total</b>					<b>4,000,000</b>				

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<b>C. Projects Under Processing</b>									
ECRD	AZE		Participatory Strategy Development and Implementatino for Ahcieving the MDGs	ECOD/ AZRM	575,000	Nov-04	Mar-05	Capacity-building support to governments (national and local) and civil society to formulate a new 10-year NPRS in a participatory manner, involving (i) evaluation of previous NPRS; (ii) alignment of new strategy with MDGs; and (iii) preparation of a fully-costed medium-term expenditure plan; and (iv) strengthening management information system to track poverty and MDGs status.	TA processing on track. Fact-finding mission is prepared for 17-22 January 2005.
ECRD	KAZ		Replicating Monitoring and Evaluation System for Poverty Reduction Program	ECAE	150,000	Dec-04	Mar-05	Support to replication of M&E system of poverty reduction programs tested and proven on a pilot base to 14 oblasts and 2 cities.	TA processing on track.
MKRD	LAO		Public Expenditure Planning for National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (NGPES)	MKGF	700,000	Nov-04	Jul-05	Capacity-building support to the Government in preparing consolidated, medium-term expenditure framework in line with the country's NPRS (NGPES).	TA processing expected to slow down due to the turn over of the project officers. However, it will be still processed within nine months. In-depth discussion with the World Bank took place at the conceptualization stage and the components were further clarified. A fact-finding is scheduled in 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2005.
MKRD	LAO/ VIE		Developing New Policy Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihood Protection and Natural Resource Management among Ethnic Minorities of GMS	MKAE	150,000	Nov-04	Apr-05	Study to collect evidence on the impact of past natural resources management, agriculture, and land related policies on the poor. It will feed into the appropriate sector strategies and policies, as well as CSP process in Lao PDR and Viet Nam.	TA processing on track. A draft TA paper was prepared in December for informal circulation.

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Reg	Ctry	TA No.	Name of Project	Division	Amount	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval	Project Description	Project Status as of 31 December 2004
SARD	PAK		Pilot District Level Poverty-Targeted Action Plans - Balochistan	PRM	500,000	Jul-04	2005	Capacity building support to the elected officials at the union level and other stakeholders in designing and implementing participatory planning process for district level poverty targeted action plans.	TA processing is on track. A fact-finding mission was carried out on 18-22 October. A draft TA paper was circulated on 22 December.
<b>Sub total</b>					<b>2,075,000</b>				
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$6,125,000</b>				

**D. Dropped TAs**

ECRD	PRC	4158	Participatory Poverty Reduction Planning for Small Minorities	PRCM	840,000	Dec-02	12-Aug-03	Capacity-building support to formulate a poverty reduction plan among the 22 small minority groups, applying a multidimensional and participatory planning methodology developed based on the PRC's and international best practices. The key output will be the plan with policy recommendations.	Dropped in October. The implementation was stalled as there was disagreement with the government over the choice of domestic consulting firm. While the decisions by the Executing Agency is being awaited, the TA reached the '12-mos lapse rule' which specifies that TAs that are inactive for more than 12 mos after approval should be cancelled.
REG	INTER-REG		Training and Capacity Building for Monitoring Poverty Reduction	RSPR	400,000	Jul-03	2004	An umbrella fund to support a series of training initiatives on poverty reduction for poverty data collectors, data analysts, and policy makers. Will also develop training modules building upon the existing ones.	Dropped in November. Processing was stalled in view of the comments given by several departments that delivering training and capacity building for poverty monitoring could be better approached on a country basis. Given the additional time required to address this in addition to the already delayed processing, the processing division decided to withdraw the proposal.

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ADB	Asian Development Bank					LAO	Lao people's Democratic Republic	RSPR	Poverty Reduction and Social Development Division
ADB	Asian Development Bank Institute					M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation		
AZE	Azerbaijan					MDG	Millenium Development Goals	SAOC	South Asia Operations and Coordination Division
AZRM	Azerbaijan Resident Mission					MKAE	Mekong Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division		
CAM	Cambodia							SARD	South Asia Department
CARM	Cambodia Resident Mission					MKGF	Mekong Government, Finance and Trade Division	SASS	South Asia Social Sectors Division
COCS	Consulting Services Division							SLRM	Sri Lanka Resident Mission
CPRGS	Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy					MKOC	Mekong Operations and Coordination Division	SPPI	Strategic Planning, Policy and Inter-agency Relations Division
CSP	Country Strategy and Program					MKRD	Mekong Department		
DMC	Developing member Countries					MON	Mongolia	SRI	Sri Lanka
EA	Executing Agency					MPI	Ministry of Planning and Investment	SSC	State Statistics Committee
ECAE	East and Central Asia Agriculture, Environment And Natural Resources Division					NPRS	National Poverty Reduction Strategy	SSTA	Small Scale Technical Assistance
ECOD	East and Central Asia Office of the Director General					PAHQ	Pacific Operations Division	SUBREG	Subregional
ECRD	East and Central Asia Department					PAK	Pakistan	TA	Technical Assistance
ECSS	East and Central Asia Social Sectors Division					PARD	Pacific Department	TOR	Terms of Reference
GMS	Greater Mekong Subregion					PRCM	People's Republic of China Resident Mission	UNDP	United Nations Development Program
IMF	International Monetary Fund					PRM	Pakistan Resident Mission	URM	Uzbekistan Resident Mission
INTER-REG	Inter Regional					PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper	UZB	Uzbekistan
KAZ	Kazakhstan					REG	Regional	VIE	Viet Nam
						RETA	Regional Technical Assistance	VRM	Viet Nam Resident Mission
						RM	Resident Mission	WB	World Bank

Statement 1

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK  
ADMINISTRATOR FOR  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND  
COOPERATION FUND FOR NATIONAL POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES  
(GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS)

STATUS OF GRANT (CONTRIBUTION)  
as of 31 December 2004  
(Amounts in US dollar)

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED (Euro 6,783,221.37)		7,996,422.52 <sup>a/</sup>
Add: Gain arising from change in value of currency		<u>24,025.20</u>
Amount received	2,320,000.00	
Receivable from Government of Netherlands	<u>5,700,447.72</u> <sup>b/</sup>	8,020,447.72
Add: Income from investment	65,438.00	
Interest income	8,063.18	
Gain (loss) on foreign exchange transactions	<u>(1,820.68)</u>	<u>71,680.50</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		8,092,128.22
Less: Project expenditures (Statement 2)	(1,312,903.82)	
ADB administration cost	(65,645.19)	
Bank charges	<u>(471.00)</u>	<u>(1,379,020.01)</u>
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		6,713,108.21 <sup>c/</sup>
Less: Outstanding commitments	(2,719,048.38)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(135,952.42)</u> <sup>d/</sup>	<u>(2,855,000.80)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		<u><u>3,858,107.41</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 exchange rate as of 31 December 2004.

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

Cash		262,344.97
Investments		665,000.21
Accrued interest		437.79
Undrawn contribution - Receivable from the Government of Netherlands (Contribution of Euro 6,783,221.37 less Euro 2,597,257.20)		5,700,447.72
Interfund receivable		2,315.75
Advances		89,500.00
Less: Interfund payable	(88.24)	
Accrued expenses	<u>(6,849.99)</u>	<u>(6,938.23)</u>
		<u><u>6,713,108.21</u></u>

<sup>d/</sup> Represents five percent (5%) of outstanding commitments.

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Statement of TA Expenditures - Cooperation Fund for the National Poverty Reduction Strategies  
(Government of Netherlands)  
As of 31 December 2004  
*(Expressed in US dollars)*

TA Title	TA No./Type	Date of Approval	TA Amount <sup>17</sup> (A)	Amount Received (B)	Project Expenditures <sup>27</sup>			Outstanding Commitments (F) = (A) - (E)	Expected TA Completion Date (G)	Completed TAs	
					Cumulative up to 31/12/03 (C)	Transactions 01/04-31/12/04 (D)	Cumulative up to 31/12/04 (E) = (C) + (D)			Unutilized Commitment (Savings) (H) = (A) - (E)	Financial Completion Date (I)
<b><u>Cambodia</u></b>											
Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy	4037/AO	16Dec02	80,000.00		5,272.99	27,917.75	33,190.74	46,809.26	31-Dec-04		
Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	3955/AO	16Dec03	31,500.00		-	-	-	31,500.00	30-Oct-06		
Total Cambodia			111,500.00		5,272.99	27,917.75	33,190.74	78,309.26			
<b><u>Mongolia</u></b>											
Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring	4383/AO	31Aug04	300,000.00		-	58,000.39	58,000.39	241,999.61	30-Sep-05		
<b><u>Pakistan</u></b>											
Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	4277AO	18Dec03	31,500.00		-	-	-	31,500.00	31-Jan-06		
<b><u>Sri Lanka</u></b>											
Poverty Assessment and Information Management	4278/SRI	18Dec03	350,000.00		-	-	-	350,000.00	31-Dec-07		
<b><u>Uzbekistan</u></b>											
Comprehensive Medterm Strategy for Improving the Living Standard of UZB	3781/AO	28Nov01	570,000.00		398,708.73	48,542.39	447,251.12	122,748.88	31-Dec-03		
<b><u>Vietnam</u></b>											
Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	4252/AO	12Dec03	37,000.00		-	144.78	144.78	36,855.22	4-Feb-06		

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(Government of Netherlands)  
As of 31 December 2004  
*(Expressed in US dollars)*

TA Title	TA No./Type	Date of Approval	TA Amount <sup>1/</sup>	Amount Received	Project Expenditures <sup>2/</sup>			Outstanding Commitments	Expected TA Completion Date	Completed TAs	
					Cumulative up to 31/12/03	Transactions 01/04-31/12/04	Cumulative up to 31/12/04			Unutilized Commitment (Savings)	Financial Completion Date
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(F) = (A) - (E)	(G)	(H) = (A) - (E)	(I)
<b>Regional</b>											
Regional Conference on National Poverty Reduction Strategies	6006/RG	21Nov01	50,000.00		31,952.20	0.00	31,952.20	-		18,047.80	Jul-02
National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific DMCs	6047/RG	06Sep02	500,000.00		289,486.49	123,307.51	412,794.00	87,206.00	31-Dec-04		
Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	6157/RG	18Dec03	400,000.00		-	18,839.40	18,839.40	381,160.60	31-Mar-06		
Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	6120/RG	27Aug03	300,000.00		-	248,654.98	248,654.98	51,345.02	15-Aug-05		
Reviewing the Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS	6171/RG	06May04	750,000.00		-	31,152.85	31,152.85	718,847.15	31-Dec-05		
Building Capacity for Participatory Approached to Poverty Reduction	6176/RG	14Jul04	300,000.00		-	-	-	300,000.00	30-Jun-06		
Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction Strategies in Four Cars	6177/RG	14Jul04	350,000.00		-	30,923.36	30,923.36	319,076.64	30-Jun-05		
<b>Total Regional</b>			<u>2,650,000.00</u>		<u>321,438.69</u>	<u>452,878.10</u>	<u>774,316.79</u>	<u>1,857,635.41</u>		<u>18,047.80</u>	
				Euro	2,597,257.20						
<b>Total Approved and Effective TA</b>			<u>4,050,000.00</u>	US\$	<u>2,320,000.00</u> <sup>3/</sup>	<u>725,420.41</u>	<u>587,483.41</u>	<u>1,312,903.82</u>	<u>2,719,048.38</u>	<u>18,047.80</u>	

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

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

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