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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	–	Asian Development Bank
BAN	–	Bangladesh
CAM	–	Cambodia
CARM	–	Cambodia Resident Mission
CSP	–	country strategy and program
CSP/U	–	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
ERDI	–	Development Indicators and Policy Research Division
GMS	–	Greater Mekong Subregion
HIV/AIDS	–	Human Immuno Virus/Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
ICT	–	Information and Communication Technology
KYR	–	Kyrgyz Republic
LAO PDR	–	Lao People's Democratic Republic
MKRD	–	Mekong Department
NEP	–	Nepal
NGO	–	non-government organization
NPRS	–	Cooperation Fund in Support of the Formulation and Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategies
OCO	–	Office of Cofinancing Operations
OIST	–	Office of Information Systems and Technology
PAK	–	Pakistan
PPTA	–	project preparatory technical assistance
PRC	–	People's Republic of China
PRCM	–	People's Republic of China Resident Mission
PRF	–	Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund
PRF-HQ	–	Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund – Regional Window
PRF-PRC	–	Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund – PRC Window
REG	–	Regional
RETA	–	regional technical assistance
RM	–	Resident Mission
RSDD	–	Regional and Sustainable Development Department
RSPR	–	Poverty Reduction and Social Development Division, RSDD
RSGS	–	Gender, Social Development and Civil Society Division, RSDD
SME	–	Small and Medium Enterprise
SRI	–	Sri Lanka
TA	–	technical assistance
UGIIP	–	Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement (Sector) Project
VIE	–	Viet Nam

NOTE

In this report, "\$" refers to US dollar.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This third Annual Report (the Report) on the Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund (PRF) covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2005¹. The Report summarizes the overall achievements of the PRF in portfolio development, financial administration, and strategic fund management during the reporting period. It also sets out a proposed work program for 2006.

2. The Report has been prepared by the Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in collaboration with the Office of Cofinancing Operations (OCO) and the resident mission (RM) in the People's Republic of China (PRCM). It is in compliance with the reporting requirements stipulated in the PRF Board Paper and the Channel Financing Agreement.² The Report builds on the Second Annual Report (January – December 2004)³ and other relevant reports that have been submitted to the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (DFID). The next Annual Report will be submitted in early 2007.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Objectives

3. The PRF was established in July 2002 as a multi-donor fund, with an initial contribution of £30 million (about \$50 million as of 31 December 2005) for the Regional Window (PRF-HQ)⁴ and £9 million (about \$15 million) for the People's Republic of China (PRF-PRC) until March 2006. In 2005 DFID proposed the reduction of the PRF-PRC commitment to \$9.21 million equivalent. The Fund assists ADB in reducing poverty in its developing member countries (DMCs). The PRF thus augments ADB's efforts for poverty reduction and, as a result, (i) assists in policy dialogue and strategy formulation on poverty reduction; (ii) develops new programs and projects with increased focus on poverty reduction; (iii) monitors and assesses the poverty reduction impact at the project, meso-, and macro-levels; (iv) launches pilot poverty reduction activities to influence future loan design; (v) involves broader stakeholder consultations at all stages of design and implementation; (vi) strengthens ADB's role as the regional development bank for Asia and the Pacific to promote poverty reduction; and (viii) helps perform other activities as mutually agreed upon between DFID and ADB.

B. Activities

4. The PRF supports the following activities to facilitate poverty reduction: (i) technical assistance (TA) for capacity and institution building; (ii) provision of advisory inputs; (iii) thematic and sector work; (iv) monitoring, evaluation, and impact assessment; (v) public conferences, workshops, and other events; (vi) innovative activities such as micro and pilot projects, with clear demonstration effects; (vii) supporting national experts based in ADB's RMs working on poverty analysis, and poverty-related gender, stakeholder participation, and governance issues; (viii) outreach and communication; and (ix) administrative costs of fund management. The PRF

¹ The reporting period was set to coincide with ADB's fiscal year (i.e., calendar year).

² ADB. June 2002. *Cooperation with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund*, Manila.

³ Submitted to DFID on October 2004

⁴ "PRF-HQ" as opposed to "PRF-PRC" will be used in this report to describe the component covering the PRF countries excluding PRC.

is not meant to be used for ADB's permanent staffing costs (including salaries and training). It is principally focused on country-based work albeit cross-border activities can be supported as long as they will have a measurable impact on the poverty situation in a country. Projects supported by the PRF are generally up to \$1 million.

5. Most projects have been prepared as advisory technical assistance (ADTAs). However, to accelerate the overall program implementation and closely align the PRF with ADB's core operations, selected financing for project preparatory technical assistance (PPTAs) by the PRF-HQ started in early 2005 on an experimental basis. The PRF-HQ topped up funding for the already programmed 2005 PPTAs to strengthen the ensuing project's poverty and social analysis and apply participatory approaches during project preparation.

6. A PRF mid-term review took place in January-March 2005 by a DFID-commissioned consultant (Social Development Direct). The review recommended more proposals for upstream policy research and impact assessment that would influence country-poverty analysis, sector roadmaps and other inputs to CSPs and the country's NPRS and other national development plans. The Review also emphasized strengthening resident mission capacity. The move towards PPTAs was welcomed by the review (para 40).

C. Eligibility

7. The PRF is open to ADB's DMCs classified as A, B1, or B2 countries⁵, excluding India for which there is a separate DFID fund and Indonesia for which there is a DFID-ADB partnership program for poverty reduction. All activities should (i) have a strong poverty reduction focus or a significant level of contribution to poverty reduction; (ii) support the relevant ADB country strategy and program (CSP) and the policies of the government; (iii) be designed to support shared poverty objectives in the existing and pipeline activities of other funding agencies, to enhance effectiveness, avoid duplication, and accelerate learning; (iv) not substitute for activities that would otherwise be financed by ADB (additionality factor); (v) make maximum use of local expertise and civil society participation; and (vi) support projects solely based on their merit for systemic poverty reduction, with no specific country allocation.

D. Approval Process

8. In 2005, the application and selection procedures for the **PRF-HQ**⁶ was slightly modified primarily to accelerate funding commitment (in the form of peer review funding endorsement) and ADB approval. To ensure the agreed cut-off date of 31 March 2006 for all ADB TA approval and the PRF closure date of 31 March 2008, the twice-a-year batch application system for ADTAs was abolished in 2005. Proposals were accepted throughout the year. In addition, in response to the calls for greater alignment with and integration into country strategy and programs (CSPs) and their annual updates (CSPUs), efforts were made to prioritize those TA proposals already included in CSP/Us, or if not, to have the Vice President's concept note clearance prior to PRF peer review process as a sign of user department's commitment. Following inter-departmental consultations within the ADB that took place in early January 2005,

⁵ According to ADB's classification for its DMCs as of 23 December 2004, (i) Group A comprises Afghanistan, Bhutan, Cambodia, Kiribati, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tajikistan, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu; (i) Group B1 comprises Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Pakistan, Republic of Marshall Islands, Sri Lanka, Tonga, and Viet Nam; and (iii) Group B2 comprises PRC, India, Indonesia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea and Uzbekistan.

⁶ "PRF-HQ" as opposed to "PRF-PRC" will be used in this report to describe the component covering the pRF countries excluding PRC.

the following new guidelines were adopted:

9. For the **PPTAs**, only those whose ensuing loan projects aim at being classified as poverty targeting intervention (TI) were made eligible. A special concept paper template was developed for PPTA applications, which required description of how additional funding can strengthen the targeting mechanisms, gender and social inclusiveness of the project design and impact, participatory approaches, and pro-poor governance. An inter-departmental peer review committee comprising staff selected by respective departments went through six applications, of which four have been endorsed.

10. In the case of **ADTAs**, eligibility criteria and procedures generally remained the same, and were fully aligned with those of the Cooperation Fund in Support of the Formulation and Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategies (NPRS Fund) financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Netherlands. Special efforts were made on the following: (i) only those with the implementation period of 18 months or less have been generally accepted; and (ii) every project officer was alerted to ensure the completion of all TA disbursements by 31 December 2007 to enable the overall PRF program closing on 31 March 2008. Given the limited timeframe, complex TA designs that involves long-term pilot activities were discouraged.

11. Another new rule applied in 2005 was not to accept a new proposal from a project officer with already three or more PRF or NPRS-financed TAs. This was not only to allow opportunities to others but also to ensure allocation of sufficient time of a project officer. There has been an increasing recognition Bank-wide that the human resource in ADB does not match the number of ADTAs that are under preparation or implementation.

12. For the **PRF-PRC Component**⁷, the approval process has been fully integrated into ADB's CSP process in which most activities are identified in the CSP. For inclusion of proposals into CSP/Us, proposals prepared by ADB or Government need to be cleared by the Ministry of Finance, DFID and the ADB's PRCM. After this, ADB project officers prepare respective TA papers for ADB approval in accordance with ADB's general guidelines. When the draft TA paper is circulated across relevant departments in ADB, DFID is also given an opportunity to provide final comments. In 2005, no new proposals were accepted due to DFID China's formalization of a freeze in the PRF-PRC pipeline in November 2004⁸. By then \$9.21 have been committed for 17 TAs.

E. Fund Management

13. The overall management of the PRF has been lodged with the NPRS-PRF Secretariat in Poverty Reduction and Social Development Division (RSPR) of RSDD. RSPR was split into the Gender, Social Development and Civil Society Division (RSGS) and the Poverty Unit (RSDD-PU) with the reorganization of RSDD effective 1 July 2005. The NPRS-PRF Secretariat moved to RSGS. PRCM plays a key role in managing PRF-PRC in coordination with RSGS. OCO acts

⁷ A separate PRC component is provided because DFID is financing such projects from its country allocations for the PRC, whereas funds are provided through a regional cooperation window for all other eligible countries.

⁸ In November 2004, DFID China formalized a suspension of new PRF-PRC proposals in view of slow disbursement within the PRF-PRC portfolio, as well as prolonged PRC Government deliberation on the proposed Provincial Poverty Reduction Agreement. This suspension was reconfirmed in 2005, and ADB was instructed not to consider potential new activities, unless it has a firm projection that there will be savings to justify the design of new proposals. Any new proposals will have to directly fit with DFID's new program on concentrating off-track MDGs (health, basic education, water and sanitation and environment).

as the official channel of communications between DFID and ADB, particularly on the financial performance of the PRF.

F. Coordination and Partnership

14. As mentioned above (paras. 10 and 13), the administration and management of the PRF-HQ are carried out in close coordination with the NPRS Fund. One successful way to maintain close partnership between the PRF and NPRS Fund has been through joint six-monthly strategy meetings in Manila during which the work program and the status of project implementation are discussed. The agenda of these six-monthly strategy meetings, among others, include: (i) strategic emphasis of the funds; (ii) progress in financed activities including disbursements; (iii) funds management issues. In 2005, there was only one strategy meeting held in London in June (para. 41).

15. The PRF also complements with ADB's other poverty reduction funds and cofinancing mechanisms such as the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, Technical Assistance Cooperation Fund for India, and DFID-ADB Poverty Reduction Partnership in Indonesia. Further, the PRF coordinates with other thematic/sector trust funds managed by RSDD and others, such as Gender and Development Cooperation Fund, Governance Cooperation Fund, Poverty and Environment Fund, and Cooperation Fund for the Water Sector. Periodical information sharing and discussion with other fund coordinators avoid overlaps and ensure complementarities across proposed activities. In some cases, PRF TAs have suggested new areas for support (e.g. TA 4306 – PRC may feed into a growing Global Environment Fund Portfolio in the PRC).

G. Reporting

16. ADB furnishes to DFID annual reports and semi-annual progress updates, which are posted on the website (<http://www.adb.org/prf/>). External audit reports may also be submitted as required by DFID. OCO also submits quarterly financial reports on the status of the grant and statement of expenditures separately prepared for PRF-HQ and PRF-PRC by the Controller's Department. The six-monthly NPRS/PRF strategy meetings also offer an opportunity for ADB to provide up-to-date reporting to the donors. Updates of the PRF-PRC portfolio is regularly consolidated by the PRCM and shared with the NPRS/PRF Coordinator at the headquarters.

H. Monitoring and Evaluation

17. Progress in pipeline development and portfolio management has been regularly monitored through close communication between the project officers and the Coordinators in HQ and PRCM. For TAs under implementation, TA performance reports, back-to-office reports, six-monthly progress reports, and disbursement levels are monitored by the NPRS-PRF Secretariat to track implementation status. Key TA outputs (e.g., consultant reports, publication) are submitted to the Coordinators and are posted on the website.

18. A program-wide evaluation was carried out in two steps. As a first step, an independent PRF-HQ mid-term review was carried out in January-March 2005 by DFID-London (paras. 6 and 42). A much smaller-scale mid-term review was conducted jointly by ADB and DFID-China. As a second step, full evaluation is being planned under the 2007 work program of ADB's Operations Evaluation Department, possibly in conjunction with the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction⁹.

⁹ Possibility of inclusion of the NPRS into the Operations Evaluation Department's evaluation is being explored.

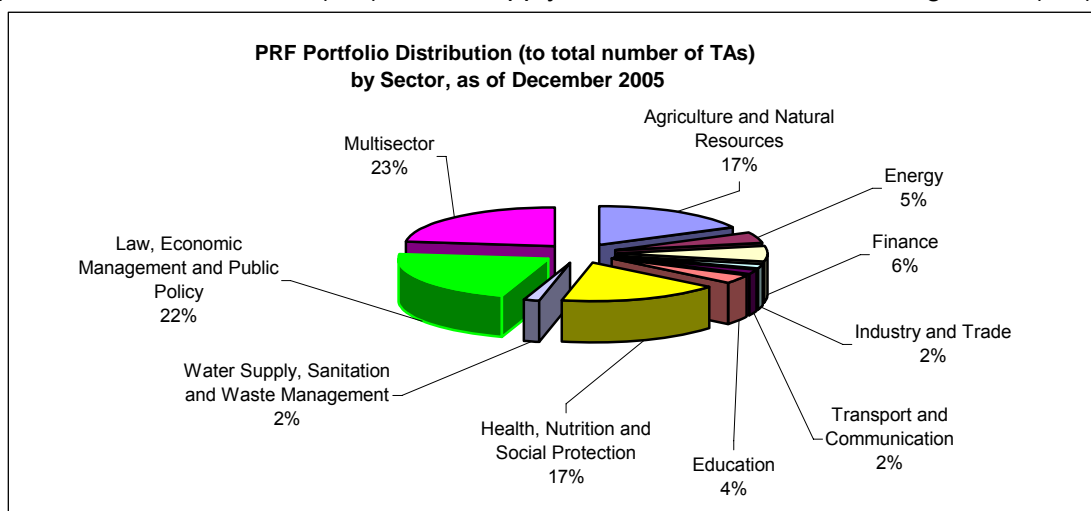
III. OVERVIEW OF PRF ACHIEVEMENTS: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2005

19. The PRF sustained strong demand in 2005, despite ADB's exercising greater scrutiny and selectivity in TA concept notes. This has resulted in the full commitment of the PRF-HQ funds on time. Quality at entry was ensured through the peer review process and the technical feedback from the NPRS-PRF Secretariat. Progress in implementation has been generally on track, while some TAs experienced major delays. Disbursements picked up. Consequently, the focus of fund management is now shifting from pipeline development to portfolio management. Outreach and communication was further strengthened with the promotion of press releases, workshop announcements, and website updates. Details are explained below.

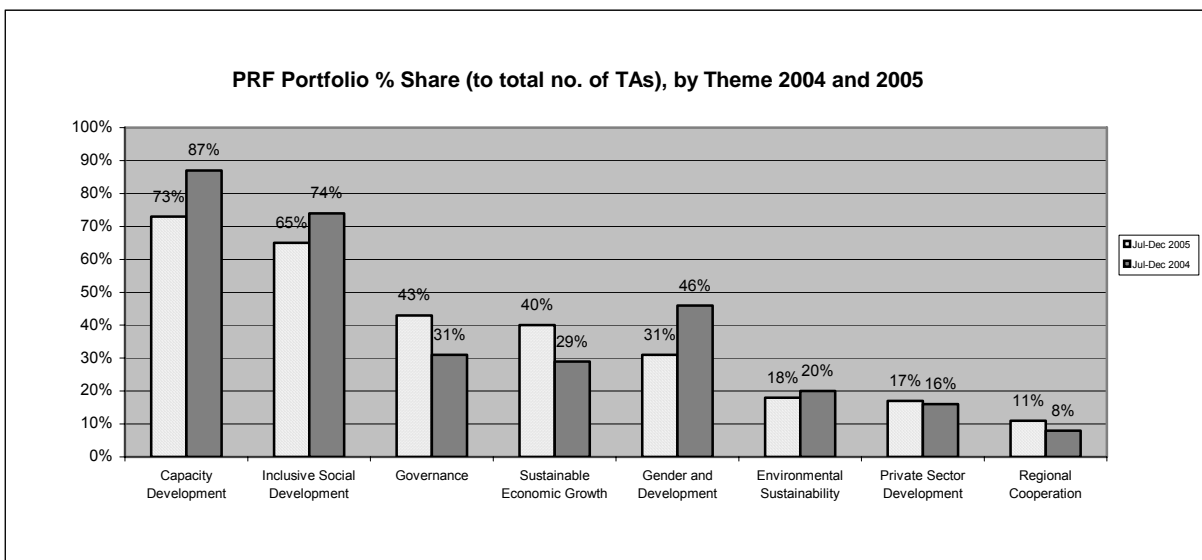
A. Project Portfolio Management

20. **Overview.** As of 31 December 2005, 110 project proposals totaling \$57.87 million or 88.84% of DFID's initial contribution of £39 million (about \$65 million) have been endorsed for PRF financing. This comprised 93 Technical Assistance TAs totaling \$48.66 million for the PRF-HQ and 17 TAs totaling \$9.21 million for the PRC. By project status, out of the total 110 TAs, 1 TA (\$0.05 million, PRF-HQ) had been completed prior to 2004; 4 TAs (2 in PRF-HQ for \$0.30 million and 2 in PRF-PRC for \$0.51 million) were completed in 2005; 91 TAs (\$48.13 million or 83.17% of total portfolio) were under implementation (comprising 76 TAs totaling \$39.43 million for the PRF-HQ and 15 TAs totaling \$8.7 million for the PRF-PRC); and 14 TAs (\$8.88 million or 15.34% of total portfolio) were under processing for ADB approval, all of which are from the PRF-HQ portfolio. Among the PRF-HQ, total firm endorsement as of 31 December 2005 amounted to \$48.66 million (93 TAs), which was already 97% of the initial contribution of £30 million or \$50.03 million. Leaving a room for 5% administration cost plus some buffer in the event of currency fluctuation in favor of the US dollar, the PRF-HQ is now fully committed. The list of projects endorsed for PRF financing by DFID is in Appendix 1.

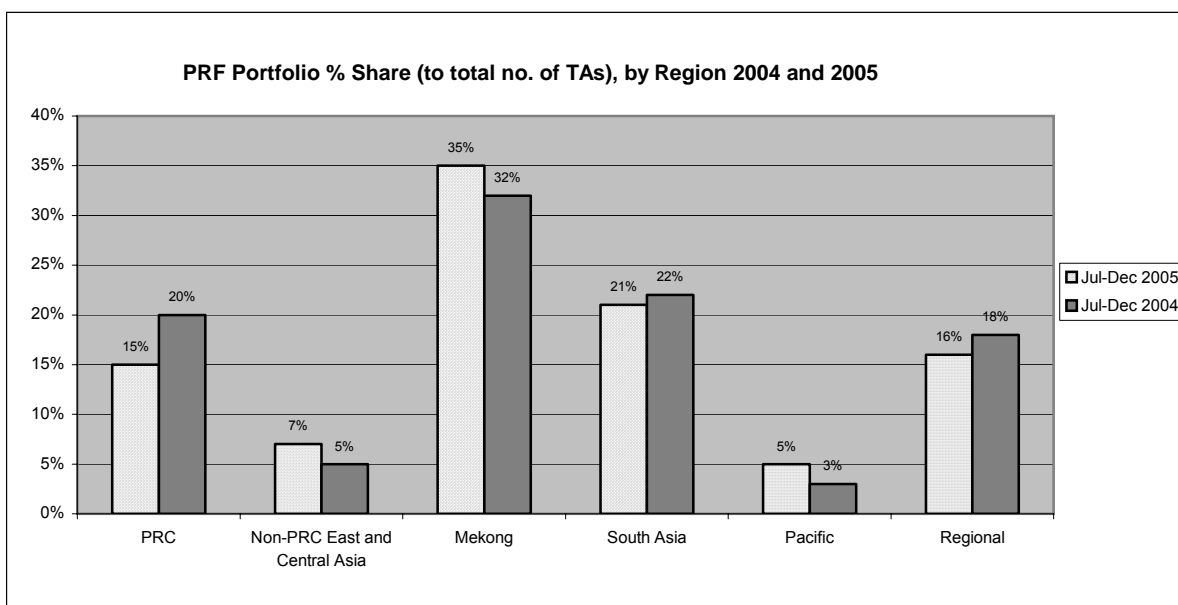
21. **Portfolio Distribution.** The PRF projects that have been endorsed for funding cover all the nine areas of the envisaged activities and scope (para 4). The portfolio is spread across many **sectors**, including multisector (25% of total number of TAs); law, economic management and public policy sector (24%); health, nutrition and social protection (17%); agriculture and natural resources (17%); finance (6%); energy (5%); education (4%); industry and trade (2%); transport and communication (2%); water supply, sanitation and waste management (2%).



Most of the portfolio has multiple **thematic** objectives, with capacity development as a most frequent thematic objective (73% of total), followed by inclusive social development (65%), governance (43%), sustainable economic growth (40%), gender and development (31%), environmental sustainability (18%), private sector development (17%) and regional cooperation (11%).



Among the Regional Component, while the PRF portfolio spreads across all **regions** except for Southeast Asia¹⁰, the share of the Mekong Region is highest (35%), followed by South Asia (21%), non-PRC East and Central Asia (7%) and Pacific (5%). Sixteen percent comes from inter-regional projects. The total share of the Mekong Region had gone up from 32% in 2004, while South Asia had gone down from 22%. The share of inter-regional TAs also went down to 16% but non-PRC East and Central Asia and Pacific went up to 7% and 5% respectively.



¹⁰ The Philippines is not eligible for PRF financing since it belongs to Group C under ADB's graduation policy. While Indonesia is eligible, PRF has not been utilized because of the availability of the DFID local fund.

Illustration of some of the TAs approved in 2005 are in the Box below.

Examples of PRF Projects Approved by ADB in 2005

► Piloting socially inclusive, participatory and gender responsive project designs

NEP: Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development (TA 4759 – NEP \$685,000)

This TA will provide conditional cash transfer to women in the most marginalized low caste households in the form of the Household Development Grant so that they can effectively participate in a range of economic, social and legal empowerment opportunities provided by an accompanying loan project.

► Supporting public-private partnership for poverty and vulnerability reduction

CAM: Developing Deposit Services for Rural Cambodia (TA 4755 – CAM \$600,000)

This TA will pilot test small-scale savings products and develop regulatory framework and supervisory capacity of the National Bank of Cambodia for deposit-taking micro-finance institutions. It aims to increase the level of financial savings in rural households and availability of funds for micro-finance institutions to expand rural lending.

► Supporting pro-poor governance and the poor's access to justice

BAN: Participation of the Urban Poor in Municipal Governance (TA 4707 – BAN \$500,000)

The TA will support the Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement (Sector) Project (UGIIP) and provide a range of training and awareness raising to the poor, locally elected officials, and municipal government. Many activities are carried out by NGOs. The purpose is to establish the public fora at the local level to allow voice of the urban poor to be heard.

► Developing pro-poor infrastructure services and policies

REG: Innovative Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Education and its Potential for Reducing Poverty in Asia and the Pacific (TA 6278 – REG \$800,000)

This regional TA will develop policy and strategy in the area of innovative ICT and e-learning in education, and pilot test them in Bangladesh, Mongolia, Nepal and Samoa.

► Strengthening Regional Cooperation to Address Poverty

REG: Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-poor Policies and Projects (TA 6270 – REG \$980,000)

This regional TA will assist ADB and DMC counterparts in managing the knowledge generated through TAs financed by the NPRS and PRF funds, so that such knowledge is utilized effectively for further pro-poor policy and project development.

22. **New Endorsement.** In 2005, a total of 29 projects in the amount of \$16.15 were additionally endorsed under the **PRF-HQ**, declining only slightly from the total number of projects (30) endorsed in 2004. This is despite the greater emphasis on selectivity of TAs exercised by the ADB at the beginning of the year, which was expected to bring the demand for PRF down. This brings the total amount of firm endorsement under the PRF-HQ portfolio to \$48.439 million, or 97% of initial contribution of £30 million or \$50,026,026 (as of 31 December 2005), meeting the target of full commitment by end of 2005. This may also be due, in part, to the opening of the PRF-HQ window to PPTA proposals.

23. As for the **PRF-PRC** window, no new proposal intake was recorded for the period under review, reflecting the freeze policy (see para.12).

24. **ADB Approval.** Thirty-four TAs (\$18.58 million) were approved in 2005 in total, comprising 29 TAs (\$15.78 million) from the **PRF-HQ** and 5 TAs (\$2.60 million) from the **PRF-PRC**. Despite the awareness of the project officers that TA processing should be completed within six months, the average time taken between the peer review endorsement and the ADB approval was 9.4 months in 2005. Most delays were due to the delays in the government's Memorandum of Understanding signing. However, this was a significant improvement from 10.9 months in 2004. Out of the 34 TAs that were approved in 2005, very speedy approvals (within 5 months) were observed for 11 TAs. Another 2 TAs were also approved within 6 months. For 2004, only 3 TAs were approved within 5 months from the endorsement. Inclusion of PPTAs also contributed to the acceleration of approval process.

25. Shortened project period and reduced scope were required for most of the endorsed TA pipeline in **Nepal** where all loan and TA approvals have been frozen for most of the year due to the volatile political and security situation. One TA under processing was dropped (para. 34). Four TAs adjusted their scope of activities and implementation period.

26. **Implementation.** As of 31 December 2005, a total of 95 TAs had been approved by the ADB, 91 of which are currently under implementation or waiting for effectiveness and 5 of which had been completed. Seventy-six of these 91 TAs are from the **PRF-HQ** window. Of the 76 TAs, the pace of implementation of 59 TAs remained generally on track in 2005 (though with some delays), while seven of them experienced major delays. The other 10 TAs were approved only in December 2005 and are just about to start with project implementation in 2006.

27. The seven slow TAs with major delays include: REG 6170: *Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local Pro-poor Budgets*; REG 6176: *Building Capacity for Participatory approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operation*; LAO 4481: *Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Standard-Setting for Private Sector Development Phase 2*; BAN 4320: *Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector in the Context of Changing Trade Environment*; SRI 4442: *Psycho-social Health in Conflict-affected Areas*; KGZ 4405: *Study on Pricing System and Cost Recovery Mechanisms for Irrigation in the Kyrgyz Republic*; and KGZ 4408: *A Study of the Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction and Environment*. Causes of delays can be: slow initial process of recruiting and fielding of consultants; heavy work commitment of key implementing partners as well as of the staff in the Resident Missions; delayed approval process/signing of TA letter within the host government; the poor performance of the consultant; and the volatile political situation in host countries

28. Among the 59 TAs, eight TAs are for completion and awaiting financial closing: CAM 3947: *Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women*; VIE 4252: *Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Viet Nam*; CAM 4131: *Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Garment Workers Affected by the Changing International Trade Environment*; REG 6118: *Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Alleviation in the GMS Sub-region (Phase 1)*; VIE 4028: *Transport Services Networks for the Poor*; VIE 4205: *Early Childhood Development for the Poor*; REG 6109: *NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction*; REG 6120: *Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction*.

29. Many of the 51 remaining TAs, though generally on track, experienced some delays or difficulties in implementation, including the difficulties in agreement on consultant rates, wrong

choice of consultants, need to adjust scope of work, need to adjust research approach, and the need for realistic realignment with other donors and stakeholders.

Total Number of TAs Financed by the PRF (As of 31 December 2005)			
	PRF-HQ	PRF-PRC	Total
Approved TAs	79	17	96
Completed	3	2	5
Under Implementation	76	15	91
On Track	51		
Delayed/Slow	7		
For Completion/Financial Closing	8		
Newly Approved/Not Yet Started	10		
Under Processing	14		14
TOTAL	93	17	110

30. Under the **PRF-PRC** window, a total of 15 TAs were under implementation or waiting for effectiveness. One of them (PRC 4142: *Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Province*) experienced a major but intentional delay in the beginning, as all the TA schedules needed to be postponed to adjust to the delayed schedule of the counterpart road project. The activities finally started and the progress is now being made. Some delays were caused by slow processing and negotiation of contract for consultants with three TAs – 4215: *Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor*; 4307: *Poverty Reduction of Key Forestry Conservation Programs*; and 4308: *Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program*, but they were all within the manageable level with projects now in latter-half or final stages.

31. **Completion.** One TA, REG 6061: *Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis*, initiated financial closing in late 2004. The findings and recommendations of the TA have resulted in a TA entitled *Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific* (approved in December 2003) and the Pacific Strategy (November 2004). For 2005, two additional TAs were completed and have financially closed: LAO 4009: *Social Protection in the Lao PDR: Issues and Options*; and LAO 4108: *Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Standard Setting for Private Sector Development (Phase 1)*. The LAO 4108 TA was successful in establishing a foundation for the Government-private sector linkages, as well as national-provincial connection. Unfortunately, the follow-on TA (LAO 4481: *Integrating the Poor... for Private Sector Development Phase 2*, approved in December 2004) that has scaled-up the success of Phase 1 is being considered for cancellation, as the Government has not been able to identify the appropriate counterpart for more than one year (para. 27).

32. For the **PRF-PRC** window, two TAs were completed and financially closed in 2005: TA 4222: *Policy Study on Poverty Reduction Strategy –Trends, Challenges and Future Direction*; and TA 4298: *Capacity Strengthening of PRC's National Development Planning Process*. Despite the TA's small size (\$150,000), key recommendations emerging from the TA 4222 had substantial influence in setting the Government's poverty reduction policy direction for the next two decades. This TA was also selected by the PRC Government and ADB as one of the recipients of the first-ever ADB TA award. As for TA 4298, this TA helped improve plan formulation in priority areas under the Five-year Plan via broad stakeholder consultation on planning and coordination for sustainable development.

33. **Dropped TAs.** In 2005, one TA and five project proposals in the **PRF-HQ** pipeline were withdrawn from the list. PAK 4443 – *Mobilization of Grassroots Stakeholders for Pro-poor Social Service Delivery (Sindh)* was cancelled as the signing of letters of agreement by the Governments for these TAs took a long time, and it exceeded ADB's 12-months lapse rule for TA implementation. The processing of the proposal *Integrated Approaches to Poverty Reduction at the Neighborhood Level (RETA)* was dropped as the multi-country approach required too long a time for preparation. The proposal *Social Protection for the Informal Sector (RETA)* was cancelled due to insufficient interest on the part of expected participating countries. The proposal *Sustainable Urban Livelihood for Sindh (Pakistan)* was also dropped in view of the non-confirmation of ownership from the Government of Sindh, so with the proposal *Reducing the Vulnerability of Conflict-affected People (Nepal)*, due to the country's volatile political situation. The processing of *Social Health Insurance in Asia and the Pacific: Lessons Learned and Prospects* was likewise stopped, in view of non-endorsement by a respective Vice President of this project's concept.

34. **Preliminary Outcomes.** While it is premature to assess the overall outputs and outcomes of the TAs under the PRF, some of the completed TAs have exhibited significant influence on DMC policies. For instance, PRC 4222 was considered in setting the Government's poverty reduction policy directions while PRC 4298 helped broaden stakeholder involvement in priority areas in the PRC's Eleventh Five-year Plan for Economic and Social Development. The findings and recommendation of REG 6061 had also resulted in a poverty strategy for the Pacific. Another TA that is already completed, but is not yet financially closed is VIE 4205 (*Early Childhood Development for the Poor*). Findings and recommendations from this TA have been highly appreciated and used by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education to advocate and promote Early Childhood Development in the country. More detailed case studies shall be developed in the course of regional TA 6270 implementation (para. 43).

B. Financial Status

35. **Overview.** The total PRF contribution initially committed by DFID is £39 million for project financing from July 2002 to March 2006 (£30 million for PRF-HQ and £9 million for PRF-PRC)¹¹. As of 31 December 2005, the value of the PRF fund (including income from investment, interest earned, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions) was \$67.21 million (\$51.89 million for PRF-HQ and \$15.32 million for PRF-PRC). Of this, ADB has received \$21.54 million, comprising \$17.94 million for the PRF-HQ and \$3.6 million for the PRF-PRC. The total actual expenditure of the committed amount as of 31 December 2005, including administrative costs and bank charges, was \$11.92 million (\$9.25 million for PRF-HQ; \$2.67 million for PRF-PRC) after 3.5 years of operations. The financial statement as of 31 December 2005, including disbursement by project, is in Appendix 2.

36. **Disbursement.** As more TAs get approved and implemented, project officers were guided to implement their TAs on time. As a result, disbursements that started to pick-up mid-year further accelerated towards the year-end. The total cumulative disbursement as of 31 December 2005 was \$8.81 million for the PRF-HQ and \$2.54 million for the PRF-PRC. In 2005 alone, the PRF-HQ disbursed \$5.89 million (coming from 68 TAs out of 78 approved and being implemented TAs totaling \$39.54 million). This is more than 100% percent increase from the annual disbursements of \$2.42 million in 2004. Under the PRF-PRC window, 2005 disbursement reached \$1.97 million (coming from 15 approved TAs totaling \$8.70 million). This

¹¹ As mentioned earlier (para. 3), the reduction in the PRF-PRC contribution is currently discussed with the concerned parties.

is also a jump of more than 100% from the \$0.57 million disbursement for 2004, with continued acceleration expected in the near term.

37. **Disbursement Projection.** Pursuant to the agreement 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 PRF. The projections, using statistical methodologies drawing on the previous disbursement patterns of ADB-wide advisory TAs, turned out to be an optimistic scenario compared with the actual disbursement amount. In this regard, a more conservative new projection for 2005 was prepared, using actual amount of ADB approvals. This new projection was deemed to be more accurate, as projected disbursements came very close to the actual amount. For the year 2005, the donors made three additional remittances to the PRF-HQ window: \$4.00 million in April, \$4.43 million in October and another \$5.22 million in December. For the PRC window, \$1.50 million was remitted in November 2005.

C. Key Achievements in Fund Management¹²

38. **Overview.** The PRF fund management in 2005 has been characterized as a series of adjustments in response to the changing corporate environment, recommendations of the Mid-Term Review, and the shifting program emphasis from pipeline development to implementation support. The NPRS-PRF Secretariat has successfully responded to the emerging situation and continued to manage the fund effectively and efficiently in coordination with other departments and officers concerned. As mentioned earlier, this has resulted in the full commitment of funds on schedule. Key reports (annual report, semiannual progress updates, quarterly financial statements, and disbursement projections) were delivered to donors and posted on the website.

39. **Response to Changing Corporate Environment in ADB.** Under the new leadership in the management, ADB in 2005 embarked on a range of new reform measures to improve relevance, responsiveness, and results of its operations in DMCs. Regional departments emphasized greater selectivity among new advisory TAs and closer monitoring of the number of TAs.¹³ Some of the trust funds-financed TA activities were increasingly seen as "add-on" when they were not closely aligned with the priorities in CSPs. The key outcome areas of the PRF Fund, however, seemed to have been well regarded as they fit well with the ADB's emphasis on improved CSP quality and capacity building emphasis. Yet, the NPRS-PRF Secretariat realized that without the strengthened emphasis on disseminating the achieved results to the ADB management, DMC stakeholders, and donors, the relevance of the poverty trust funds like NPRS and PRF would be questioned in the near future. The knowledge management focus of the NPRS-PRF secretariat was fully supported by the DFID during the Sixth Strategy Meeting in June. This has resulted in the preparation of Regional TA REG-6270 Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects approved in November (\$980,000, financed by PRF, see para. 41).

40. In addition to the changes within the ADB, DFID has also strengthened emphasis on delivery on time. In October 2004, DFID-London expressed concerns with the quickly expanding pipeline and slowly progressing portfolio and announced a temporary freeze of all intake of new proposals under the PRF-HQ. This almost coincided with DFID-China's decision to freeze the pipeline for the PRF-PRC (para. 12). While the freeze for the PRF-HQ was soon lifted in early

¹² This section primarily refers to the PRF-HQ window unless otherwise stated.

¹³ In reality, there was a varying degree of selectivity applied across different departments. Departments under operations group 1 and knowledge management exercised the selectivity more rigorously compared to those under operations group 2.

2005, a series of measures (paras. 8-11), including the TA disbursement cut-off date of 31 December 2007 to enable the closure of the entire PRF program in 2008, have been adopted. The NPRS-PRF Secretariat immediately prepared the modified guidelines for 2005 and widely disseminated them to resolve the confusion among the staff.

41. **Facilitating the PRF Mid-Term Review.** The mid-term review on the implementation and management of the PRF-HQ was carried out by DFID's consultants in January-March 2005. The NPRS-PRF Secretariat facilitated organizing meetings and focus group discussions with staff and managers. Overall, the Review has concluded that the PRF is a well-regarded trust fund in ADB that supports potentially valuable poverty reduction projects and well managed by RSDD under the initiative of the Coordinator. However, some concerns were raised such as the weak design links of the influence of the PRF-financed projects, lack of systematic knowledge management, and the generally weak institutional incentives to the PRF-supported activities. The planned knowledge management initiative (RETA 6270) was considered very well-directed and timely. The final Review Report¹⁴ has been disseminated widely within DFID and ADB. DFID China and PRCM also carried out a **PRF-PRC** mid-term review which confirmed the continuation of the pipeline freeze policy but recognized significant portfolio performance.

42. **Sixth NPRS-PRF Strategy Meeting.** Strategic discussions between ADB and DFID continued in 2005, although the level of intensity and frequency was somehow reduced than in the previous years, as the two funds had been further institutionalized in ADB. In 2005 there was only one semi-annual strategy meeting, i.e., the Sixth Strategy Meeting on 23 June. Due to the scheduling problems for a meeting in Manila, the meeting was held outside of Manila for the first time (London). The representatives from the Netherlands and DFID (including those from the Board of Directors in Manila through a video conference) as well as the NPRS-PRF Coordinator attended the meeting, joined by the Review Consultant and other DFID staff. While the discussions were fruitful, not having a meeting in Manila has affected the visibility of the two funds within the ADB. The next strategy meeting scheduled on 20-21 March 2006 will come back to Manila, involving Director Generals from the regional and other relevant departments. The discussion could include increasing concerns by staff with the discontinuation of flexible trust funds as NPRS and PRF.

43. **Regional TA on Knowledge Management.** In response to the growing recognition of the importance of systematic knowledge management of the entire NPRS-PRF, the NPRS-PRF Coordinator prepared, in consultation with DFID, a regional TA (RETA 6270 *Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects*) which was approved by ADB in November. The RETA comprises four components: (i) knowledge product development (e.g., short and long case studies, synthesis papers, articles for academic journals, etc.); (ii) in-country knowledge feedback and institutionalization (e.g., in-country follow-up workshops, exchange of RM-based poverty specialists, translation, post-TA communication strategy development); (iii) outreach to broader community of practice (e.g., media campaign, conference support to champions in NPRS-PRF TAs, Manila regional workshop); (iv) knowledge management system and program management.

44. **First RM National Poverty Specialist Exchange.** The first exchange meeting of national poverty specialists from three ADB resident missions (Cambodia, Pakistan and Viet Nam) financed by the NPRS-PRF was held from 11-13 October 2005 in Manila. The meeting took stock of their achievements and provided a venue for knowledge exchange among

¹⁴ See <http://adb.org/PRF/progress.asp>.

themselves and HQ-based staff that can enhance their skills and capacity. This was the first initiative among the Poverty Specialists, organized jointly by RSGS (NPRS-PRF Secretariat) and RSDD-PU. The meeting coincided with that of RM-based Gender Specialists who were also holding their annual consultation/meeting, and some of the sessions were jointly carried out. It was an opportunity for the RM poverty specialists to interact with their counterparts in the area of gender and development.

45. **PRF Special Review Missions.** The NPRS-PRF Coordinator carried out three special review missions to (i) Viet Nam (3-4 March); (ii) Cambodia (6-8 July), and (iii) PRC (12 September). The mission to **Viet Nam** involved (i) participation in a country consultation workshop on Regional Cooperation Strategy and Program for the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) financed by REG 6118: *Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Reduction in the GMS* (\$150,000); and (ii) review of the progress and issues of TA 4252-VIE: *Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Viet Nam* (\$125,000) by discussing with VRM-based poverty reduction specialist. The mission noted that both TAs – though small - were very successful. Under REG 6118, the voices of civil society have been successfully integrated into the process of regional policy dialogue. TA 4252-VIE has supported a highly talented local poverty reduction specialist based on VRM.

46. During the **Cambodia** mission, the Coordinator carried out a rapid review of the status of the following ongoing PRF TAs: (i) TA 4282: *Participatory Study of the Tonle Sap Basin*; (ii) TA 3955: *Engagement of a Poverty Reduction Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission*; and (iii) TA 4575: *Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development*. Meetings with key implementing agencies and consultants verified the success and constraints that had been reported by project officers. Discussion with DFID-Cambodia resulted in new ideas for PRF proposals such as a flexible poverty reduction capacity building fund to be administered by ADB's Resident Mission. The issue was further followed up by a Manila visit of Helen Appleton, Social Development Advisor in August. Unfortunately, before the preparation of a specific proposal, all PRF-HQ funds had been committed, hence this never materialized.

47. The NPRS-PRF Coordinator met with the PRF Counterpart in DFID-China (Kebur Abzaha) and PRCM (Amy Leung and Christopher Spohr) during her one-day visit to **Beijing**. Overall status of the PRF-PRC portfolio and pipeline was reviewed. DFID-China and PRCM summarized the key discussions during the ADB-DFID Mid-term Review Meeting of the PRF-PRC on 3 June 2005. While noting improved fund performance and outcomes, the freeze policy on additional commitments under the PRF-PRC window was reconfirmed during this mission.

48. In addition to review missions, the NPRS-PRF Coordinator visited **London** twice (June for the Sixth Strategy Meeting and November) to continue policy dialogue with DFID London.

49. **Secretariat Assistance to Project Officers.** The key support functions of the NPRS-PRF Secretariat to project officers continued to be: (i) technical advice in preparation of proposals; (ii) organizing peer review meetings for funding endorsement (nearly 30 peer review meetings were held); (iii) logistical and financial support to fact-finding missions; (iv) feedback on draft TA papers; (v) suggestions on press release and other public relations media; (vi) preparation of a project page under the NPRS and PRF websites to which project officers can upload TA products; (vii) feedback on back-to-office reports as necessary; (viii) reminder to TAs behind schedules; (ix) assistance to workshops as necessary. These services were generally highly appreciated by staff. Further, the Secretariat (comprising the Coordinator, one temporary analyst, one temporary administrative assistant) was strengthened by an appointment of a supernumerary staff position on assistant operations analyst. This has replaced a temporary

administrative assistant position, ensuring more continuity and higher skills level.

50. **Outreach and Communication.** Through a series of promotional activities, the PRF, together with the NPRS, has gained significant visibility within the ADB. External relations were also actively carried out. The PRF website (<http://adb.org/prf/>) was revamped in July 2004 and monthly update continued. A number of workshops were held in 2005 under the PRF-financed TAs, including the one on Pilot Social Protection Index in March (under REG 6120 Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction); and on the Poverty Reduction Integrated Simulation Model (PRISM) – an original online simulation policy impact modeling system – which was developed by the Development Indicators and Policy Research Division (ERDI) of ADB under a PRF-financed TA (*RETA 6073: Developing Modeling Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB's Operations in Reducing Poverty*) as well as another TA on poverty mapping. Several TAs have also attracted substantial media coverage (e.g. more than thirty print/internet articles on the December 2005 launch of TA 4580 pilot test in the PRC). The NPRS-PRF Secretariat also worked with OCO, the Office of Information Systems and Technology (OIST), and the Knowledge Management Unit of the RSDD, and jointly developed the Trust Funds intranet website (<http://trust>), which is now operational.

IV. ACTIVITIES AND TARGETS FOR THE YEAR 2006

51. The following are set as key activities for 2006:

- i. Conduct of two strategy meetings: Seventh (20-21 March 2006) and Eighth (tentatively September);
- ii. Signing of the first MOU amendment to record the overall changes in the fund duration (March 2008) and payment schedules;
- iii. Acceleration of ADB approvals of endorsed projects by 31 March 2006;
- iv. Acceleration of the implementation of approved projects to ensure the December 2007 disbursement completion benchmark, as well as close monitoring of TA implementation reports and outputs to ensure quality and knowledge management;
- v. Strengthening of coordination with PRF Project Officers and enjoin them to regularly update TA Performance Reports and religiously submit semi-annual progress updates on their TA implementation to the NPRS-PRF Secretariat;
- vi. On-time request of remittances to DFID by closely monitoring disbursement levels and cash balance of the account;
- vii. Strengthen knowledge management of experiences generated by the NPRS-PRF projects within and outside ADB through implementation of the approved RETA 6270 (*Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects*);
- viii. Beefing up the NPRS-PRF Secretariat through additional consultant support; and
- ix. Enhancement of outreach and communications through the revamped website, press releases, other media tools, and continued consultation with regional departments.

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Region	Country	Project Title	PRF Contribution	Project Officer	Division	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval ^a	TA No.	Remarks
PRF-HQ WINDOW									
A. Projects Completed									
PARD	SUB-REG	Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis	50,000	S. Pollard	PAHQ	Jul-02	31-Oct-02	6061	Financial closing, Jul 05; Actual amount disbursed, \$48,208.92
MKRD	LAO	Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Standard-Setting for Private Sector Development (Phase 1)	150,000	M. Varkay	MKGF	Jul-02	09-May-03	4108	Completed and financially closed (Apr 05); Actual amount disbursed, \$148,174.78
MKRD	LAO	Social Protection in the Lao PDR: Issues and Options	150,000	E. Bloom	MKSS	Jul-02	04-Dec-02	4009	Completed and financially closed (Mar 05); Actual amount disbursed, \$68,787.81
	3	Sub-total	\$ 350,000						
B. Projects Under Implementation									
ADTA									
ECRD	KGZ	A Study of the Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction and Environment	400,000	J. Whittle	ECAE	Jan-04	12-Oct-04	4408	Original amount was \$400,000. Due to additional work requirement such as surveys, additional \$130,000 was approved by DFID on 27 Oct 05. ADB approved the supplementary funding on 25 Jan 2006.
ECRD	KGZ	Study on Pricing Systems and Cost Recovery mechanisms for Irrigation in the Kyrgyz Republic	300,000	J. Whittle	ECAE	Jan-04	11-Oct-04	4405	
ECRD	TAJ	Development of Community Based Micro-Hydropower Supply in Remote Rural Areas	800,000	X. Humbert/T. Oi	ECEN	Feb-04	05-Nov-04	4423	Initial phase, \$300,000; upon successful initial phase, DFID will commit another \$500,000.
ECRD	TAJ	Farm Analysis and Awareness Raising for Debt Resolution	800,000	B. Wilkinson	ECAE	Oct-04	04-Oct-05	4664	
MKRD	CAM	Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women	400,000	J. Hakim	MKSS	Jul-02	24-Oct-02	3947	
MKRD	CAM	Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Garment Workers Affected by the Changing International Trade Environment	600,000	L. Ding	MKGF	Dec-02	20-Jun-03	4131	Original amount was \$500,000. The President approved the \$100,000 increase on 11 August 2004.
MKRD	CAM	Participatory Poverty Study of the Tonle Sap Basin	425,000	M. Mitra	MKAE	Dec-02	17-Dec-03	4283	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
MKRD	CAM	Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	78,500	C. Ouch	CARM	Jul-02 Jul-03	30-Oct-02 16-Dec-03	3955	TASF \$18,000; NPRS \$31,500. This is an extension of a completed TA
MKRD	CAM	Capacity Building for the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative	500,000	O. Serrat	MKAE	Jan-04	16-Aug-04	4376	
MKRD	CAM	Developing Cambodia business Initiative in Rural Development (C-BIRD)	150,000	S. Mar	MKAE/ CARM	Nov-04	01-Apr-05	4575	
MKRD	CAM	Community Self-Reliance and Flood Risk Reduction	500,000	C. Wensley	MKAE	Jun-04	08-Apr-05	4574	Previous Project Officer: Ian Fox
MKRD	CAM	Developing Deposit Services for Rural Cambodia	600,000	S. Lewis	MKGF	Aug-05	21-Dec-05	4755	
MKRD	LAO	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	MKAE	Jul-03	20-May-04	4339	
MKRD	LAO	Marketing Support of Organic Produce of Ethnic Minorities	600,000	M. Nakao	MKAE	Dec-02	17-Sep-04	4392	Previous Project Officer: M. de Alwis
MKRD	LAO	Capacity Building for Smallholder Livestock Systems in Lao PDR	550,000	M. Nakao	MKAE	Jan-04	11-Oct-04	4406	Previous Project Officer: M. de Alwis
MKRD	LAO	Poverty Reduction Through Land Tenure Consolidation, Participatory Natural Resources Management and Local Communities Skills Building	974,300	S. Sahajanathan	MKAE	Jul-04	17-Nov-04	4434	The change in TA amount from \$850,000 to \$974,000 was approved in 02 March 2005.
MKRD	LAO	Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Standard-Setting for Private Sector Development (Phase 2)	700,000	M. Varkay	MKGF	Jul-03	21-Dec-04	4481	For cancellation. TA letter, not yet signed, and it already exceeded the 12-mos. lapse rule of TA implementation.
MKRD	VIE	Transport Services Networks for the Poor	350,000	C. Litwin	MKID	Jul-02	11-Dec-02	4028	Completion date: 31 March 05 but not yet financially completed
MKRD	VIE	Early Childhood Development for the Poor	450,000	E. Bloom	MKSS	Dec-02	24-Oct-03	4205	
MKRD	VIE	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	73,000	K. Lao-Araya	VRM	Jul-03	12-Dec-03	4252	TASF \$15,000; NPRS \$37,000; Previous project officer: R. Adhikari.
MKRD	VIE	Developing Social Security System in Viet Nam	750,000	S. Hattori/ V. Subramanian	MKGF	Jul-03	18-Dec-03	4276	

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MKRD	VIE	Support for Pro-poor Health Policies in Viet Nam	550,000	L. Studdert	MKSS	Jul-03	28-Apr-04	4331	Additional \$50,000 approved on 09 Feb 2005. Previous Project Officer is E. Bloom
MKRD	VIE	Supporting the Preparation of the Law on Gender Equality	370,000	Y. Uehara	MKOC	Aug-04	26-Nov-04	4453	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.
MKRD	VIE	Developing Agricultural Insurance in Viet Nam	600,000	S. Lewis	MKGF	Jul-04	21-Dec-04	4480	
MKRD	VIE	Implementing the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Micro Finance	250,000	B. Coleman	MKGF	May-05	29-Aug-05	4638	
MKRD	VIE	Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance	325,000	K. Lao Araya	VRM	Mar-05	31-Oct-05	4679	Cofinanced by the NPRS (\$325,000). But as NPRS fund became tight, the TA is proposed to be fully supported by the PRF. A memorandum changing the fund source is now underway.
MKRD	VIE	Benefits Sharing Mechanisms for People Adversely Affected by Power Generation Projects in Viet Nam	150,000	A. Musa	MKID	Jul-05	14-Nov-05	4689	
MKRD	VIE	Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Local Stakeholders for Implementation of Son La Livelihood and Resettlement Plan	1,000,000	M. Sultana	MKID	Jul-05	14-Nov-05	4690	
MKRD	VIE	Air Pollution, Poverty and Health Effects in Ho Chi Minh City	600,000	H. Gunatilake / C. Huzienga	MKAE/RSES	Jul-04	05-Dec-05	4714	
MKRD	SUB-REG	Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry	800,000	J. Mir	MKAE	Jul-02	04-Aug-03	6115	
MKRD	SUB-REG	Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Alleviation in the GMS Subregion (Phase 1)	150,000	C. Hnanguie	NGOC	Dec-02	22-Aug-03	6118	
MKRD	SUB-REG	Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the Greater Mekong	700,000	M. Mitra	MKAE	Jul-03	04-Oct-04	6190	
MKRD	SUB-REG	Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities in the GMS	750,000	V. de Wit	MKSS	Jan-05	23-May-05	6243	
MKRD	SUB-REG	HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups through Communication Strategies	700,000	A. Jain	MKSS	Jun-04	01-Jul-05	6247	\$522,000 UNESCO financing
MKRD	SUB-REG	GMS: Core Environment Program and the Biodiversity Conservation Initiative	550,000	J. Mir	MKAE	Jul-04	16-Dec-05	6289	Leveraged a \$20 mil multi-donor grant facility.
MKRD	SUB-REG	Making Markets Work Better for the Poor	385,000	K. Lao-Araya	VRM	Sep-05	21-Nov-05	6113	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.
PARD	RMI	Increasing Ownership and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management and Disposal	300,000	E. Brotoisworo	PAHQ	Apr-05	22-Sep-05	4653	
PARD	SUB-REG	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	400,000	K. Taniguchi	PAHQ	Dec-02	18-Dec-03	6157	NPRS \$400,000
PARD	SUB-REG	Making Resource Allocation Pro-poor and Participatory in the Pacific	500,000	Cai Li	PAHQ	Jul-03	16-Jun-04	6175	Previous Project Officer: S. Pollard
PARD	SUB-REG	Strengthening Pro-poor Policies in the Pacific	925,000	S. Pollard	PAHQ	Mar-05	10-Jun-05	6245	PRF\$925,000; Gov't of Australia \$925,000
SARD	AFG	Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development	750,000	A. Azimi	SAOC	Jan-04	03-Dec-04	4461	
SARD	AFG	Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection Project/Alleviation of Poverty in Buffer Zone of Protected Areas	810,000	A. Azimi	SAOC	Jan-04	23-Dec-04	4541	PRF\$810,000; GEF\$975,000
SARD	BAN	Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector in the Context of Changing Trade Environment	420,000	A. Weber	SASS	Jul/Dec 02	16-Mar-04	4320	
SARD	BAN	Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation	350,000	Z. Hussain	BRM	Jul/Dec 02	19-Dec-03	4303	
SARD	BAN	Participation of Urban Poor in Municipal Governance	480,000	S. Wendt	SASS	Mar-05	02-Dec-05	4707	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	Promoting Pro-poor and Gender Responsive Service Delivery Project	200,000	A. Shrestha/ G. Gewali	NRM	Jul-03	07-Jul-04	4353	

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SARD	NEP	Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development	685,000	M. Mongiorgi/ L. Sharma	SAAE/ NRM	Jun-04	22-Dec-05	4759	Reduction in scope needed due to shortening TA duration.
SARD	PAK	Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab	230,000	N. Hamid	PRM	Jul-02	05-Dec-02	4015	PRF\$230,000; TASF\$250,000; Gov't of UK \$200,000
SARD	PAK	Supporting Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	63,500	N. Hamid/S. Parvez	PRM	Jul-03	18-Dec-03	4277	TASF \$ 39,000; NPRS \$31,500
SARD	PAK	Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan	580,000	N. Hamid/ S. Parvez	PRM	Dec-02	05-Mar-04	4319	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.
SARD	PAK	Non-Formal Primary Education and Functional Literacy for Rural Women in Selected Barani Areas of Punjab	400,000	A. Tayyab	SAAE	Jan-04	13-Oct-04	4414	
SARD	PAK	Implementing the Public Safety Reforms in Four Districts of the Punjab Province	950,000	D. Porter/ R. Ahmad	PRM	Jun-04	23-Dec-04	4537	
SARD	PAK	Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans (GRAPs)	800,000	S. Nicoll	PRM	Jun-04	24-Jun-05	4602	Previous Project Officer: D. Porter
SARD	SRI	Community Information Services for the Poor	800,000	A. Inagaki	SASS	Dec-02	09-May-03	4110	
SARD	SRI	Psycho-social Health in Conflict-affected Areas	400,000	A. Weber/ J. Boestel	SASS/ SLRM	Jun-04	22-Nov-04	4442	
SARD	SRI	Sri Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies	500,000	J. Boestel	SLRM	Jan-05	18-Feb-05	4567	
REG	INTER-REG	Developing Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB Operations in Reducing Poverty	600,000	G. Sugiyarto/ R. Hasan	ERDI	Jul-02	16-Dec-02	6073	
REG	INTER-REG	Fifth Agriculture and Natural Research at CGIAR Centers--Breeding Iron-Rich Rice to Reduce Iron-Deficiency Anemia in Asia (Suppl.)	905,000	J. Jeugmans	RSGS	Jul-02	23-Feb-03	5945	
REG	INTER-REG	NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction	1,000,000	J. Francis	NGOC	Dec-02 Jan-04	27-May-03 21-Jun-04	6109	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
REG	INTER-REG	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	300,000	A. Weber	SASS	Dec-02	27-Aug-03	6120	NPRS \$300,000
REG	INTER-REG	Study of Urban Violence in Asia: Towards More Effective Urban Upgrading	150,000	J. Hakim	MKSS	Jul-03	30-Oct-03	6130	
REG	INTER-REG	Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local Pro-Poor Budgets	400,000	C. Wescott	RSCG	Dec-02	06-Apr-04	6170	
REG	INTER-REG	Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operation	300,000	A. Sweetser	RSGS	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	6176	NPRS \$300,000
REG	INTER-REG	Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion	575,000	C. Vandenebeelee	OGC w/ RDs	Jan-04	30-Sep-04	6188	Amount increased from \$500,000 to \$575,000 on 26 Jul 2004
REG	INTER-REG	Strengthening and Collection of Purchasing Power Parity Data in ADB DMCs	800,000	V. Saha	ERDI	Mar-04	14-Oct-04	6088	
REG	INTER-REG	Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services	550,000	J. Francis	RSGS	Jan-04	23-Dec-04	6224	
REG	INTER-REG	Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups	550,000	F. Tornieri	RSGS/OGC	Jul-04	19-Jul-05	6248	
REG	INTER-REG	Socio-economic Impact of Road Crashes on the Poor (IND/PAK/VIE/INO)	925,000	C. Melhuish	RSID	Jan-04	03-Oct-05	6260	
REG	INTER-REG	Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects	980,000	S. Tanaka	RSGS	Aug-05	23-Nov-05	6270	
REG	INTER-REG	Innovative Information and Communication Technology in Education and its Potential for Reducing Poverty in Asia and the Pacific	800,000	J. Sarvi	RSCG	Jan-05	02-Dec-05	6278	
REG	INTER-REG	Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanisms	150,000	H. Feig	RSOD	Mar-05	09-Dec-05	6284	
REG	INTER-REG	Developing Pro-Poor Governance Capability and Knowledge	875,000	A. Newsum	RSCG w/ RDs	Feb-04	21-Dec-05	6296	
	72	Sub-total	\$ 38,534,300						

PRF ENDORSED PROJECTS (as of 31 December 2005)

Region	Country	Project Title	PRF Contribution	Project Officer	Division	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval ^a	TA No.	Remarks
PPTA									
ECRD	TAJ	Rural Development Project	150,000	J. Whittle	ECAE	Feb-05	14-Jun-05	4598	
ECRD	MON	Urban Development Housing Project	250,000	E. Honda	ECSS	Feb-05	18-Aug-05	4632	
SARD	BAN	Second Command Area Development	350,000	K.H. Ryu	SAAE	Feb-05	19-Dec-05	4740	TASF-
SARD	NEP	Education Sector Development I	150,000	A. Inagaki	SASS	Feb-05	21-Dec-05	4754	TASF-
	4	Sub-total	\$ 900,000						

C. Projects Under Processing

ADTA									
ECRD	UZB	Implementation and Monitoring of Policy reforms in Uzbekistan's Agriculture Sector	600,000	P. Bozakov	ECAE	Oct-05	Q1 2006		
ECRD	SUB-REG	Remittance and Poverty in Central Asia	1,000,000	B. Wilkinson/B. Ganiev	ECAE	Dec-05	Q1 2006		Firm. VP concept provided in Aug. FF scheduled in Dec 2005. Processing for Jan 06.
MKRD	CAM	Contracting Health Services	250,000	E. Bloom/A. Jain	ERD/MKSS	Sep-05	Q1 2006		
MKRD	CAM	Safety Nets for Garment Workers in Cambodia	150,000	S. Lewis	MKGF	Dec-05	Q1 2006		Peer Review meeting on 02 Dec 2005 endorsed the proposed TA for funding under the PRF.
MKRD	CAM	Dormitories for Secondary School Girls	800,000	B. Lochman	MKSS	Dec-05	Q1 2006		Firm. FF mission on 24-28 Oct. Programmed in CSP for 2005. Strong govt commitment.
MKRD	LAO	Promoting LAO Women Union's Capacity to Organize Poor Rural Women for Viable Micro Finance Services for the Poor	300,000	M. Mitra and B. Coleman	MKAE/MKGF	Jan-04	Q1 2006		Rescheduled for 2005 due to the delay in counterpart loan
MKRD	LAO	Revitalizing Community Demand for Immunization	140,000	L. Studdert/ V. de Wit	MKSS	Mar-05	Q1 2006		Cofinancing: \$120,000 (GSK Biologicals); \$150,000 (UNICEF)
SARD	BAN	Financial and Operational Review of Bangladesh Krishi Bank	720,000	M. Ozaki	SAGF	Aug-05	Q1 2006		deferred to Q1-2006 since the proposal was not included in the 2005 pipeline
SARD	NEP	Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of Road Projects	350,000	N. Sapkota	NRM	Apr-05	Q1 2006		Originally \$500,000. Scope reduction during interdepartmental circulation. SRC 28 October 05.
SARD	NEP	Enabling the Private Sector to Undertake Poverty-Focused Water Distribution in Kathmandu Valley	820,000	K. Tamaki	SASS	Jun-04	Q1 2006		Reduction in scope needed due to shortening TA duration.
SARD	NEP	Economic and Social Inclusions of the Disadvantaged Poor through Micro-Irrigation and Other Livelihood Enhancement Initiatives	450,000	K. Yokoyama	SAAE	Nov-04	Q1 2006		Reduction in scope needed due to shortening TA duration (during circulation of draft TA).
SARD	SRI	Microinsurance Sector Development	600,000	M. Ozaki	SAGF	Aug-05	Q1 2006		
SARD	SUB-REG	Mainstreaming MfDR in Support of Poverty Reduction	1,800,000	Z. Farhadian-Lorie	SAOC	Apr-05 Sep-05	Q1 2006 Q1 2006		
REG	INTER-REG	Up-Scaling the Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	900,000	A. Weber	SASS	Oct-05	Q1 2006		
	14	Under processing Sub-total	\$ 8,880,000						
	93	Total Firm Endorsement	\$ 48,664,300						

D. Under Consideration

RSDD	INTER-REG	Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative	150,000	J. Francis	NGOC	Q1 2006			Original VP concept note clearance \$100,000; At the request of the project officer, the amount was
RSDD	INTER-REG	Supporting Civil Society Initiatives for Good Governance	500,000	J. Francis	NGOC	Q1 2006			
RSDD	INTER-REG	Comprehensive Assessment of the Effectiveness of NPRS and PRF	100,000	S. Tanaka	RSGS	2007			Firm. Needs to keep money for the required NPRS/PRF activity.
	3	Sub-total	\$ 750,000						
	96	Grand Total (PRF-HQ)	\$ 49,414,300						

E. DROPPED TAs/Proposals

REG	INTER-REG	Integrated Approaches to Poverty Reduction at the Neighborhood Level	750,000	M. Lindfield/ S. Nicoll	SESS	Jul-04	2005		Dropped
SARD	NEP	Reducing the Vulnerability of Conflict-affected People	650,000	K. Sherchan/ S. Ra	NRM	Jul-04	2005		TA paper circulated in Feb 05. Due to (i) political sensitivity; and (ii) uncertain processing schedules in Nepal, dropped on 27 Oct 05 at this stage to observe Nepal's situation.
SARD	PAK	Sustainable Urban Livelihood for Sindh	645,000	T. Gallego-Lizon	SASS	Nov-04	2005	-	Dropped on 14 October 2005 due to non-confirmation of ownership of the TA from the Government of Sindh

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MKRD	SUB-REG	Delivering Energy Service for the Poor -- Learning from the Mekong	600,000	C. Litwin	MKID	Dec-02	2004	-	There was a delay in processing and issues in finalizing the concept in the RETA paper. Part of the concept, e.g. the proposal for examining the institutional arrangements for delivering renewable energy services has been picked up by PREGA. Thus, to avoid duplication of work, this should no longer be part of the concept.
REG	INTER-REG	Social Health Insurance in Asia and the Pacific: Lessons Learned and Prospects	400,000	J. Jeugmans	RSAN	Jul-03	2005	-	Dropped on 17 June 2005, in view of VPKM's non-endorsement.
REG	INTER-REG	Social Protection for the Informal Sector	500,000	A. Vahapassi/ M. van der Auwera	RSGS	Oct-04	2005	-	Dropped on 16 September 2005 due to insufficient interest on the interest on the part of expected participating countries.
SARD	PAK	Mobilization of Grassroots Stakeholders for Pro-Poor Social Service Delivery (Sindh)	500,000	S. Wendt	SASS	Jan-04	22-Nov-04	4443	Cancelled on 29 November 2005 as the signing of the TA letter has yet to be done, and it exceeded the 12 month lapse rule.

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PRF - PRC WINDOW

A. Projects Completed

ECRD	PRC	Capacity Strengthening of PRC's National Development Planning Process	360,000	A. Mathur	RSGR/ECGF	Aug-03	15-Dec-03	4298	Financially closed 12 Sept 2005; Actual amount disbursed, \$352,240.82
ECRD	PRC	Policy Study on Poverty Reduction Strategy-Trends, Challenges and Future Directions	150,000	L. Adriano	ECAE	Aug-03	20-Nov-03	4222	Completed 30 June 05; Financial completion/closure 22 Sept 05; Actual amount disbursed, \$146,387.17
2		Sub-Total	510,000						

B. Projects Under Implementation

ECRD	PRC	Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Province	800,000	T. Yasukawa	ECSS	Jul-02	14-Jul-03	4142	
ECRD	PRC	Fund for Strategic Policy Conferences and Studies for Poverty Reduction	400,000	C. Sphor	PRCM	Aug-03	21-Oct-03	4200	
ECRD	PRC	Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation Programs	400,000	B. Carrad	PRCM	Aug-03	19-Dec-03	4307	
ECRD	PRC	Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program	400,000	B. Carrad	PRCM	Aug-03	19-Dec-03	4308	
ECRD	PRC	Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor	400,000	P. Wallum	ECSS	Aug-03	13-Nov-03	4215	Completion date 30 June 05; not yet financially closed
ECRD	PRC	Poverty Impact of Areawide Road Networks	1,000,000	K. Jraiw	ECTC	Dec-02	30-Apr-04	4322	
ECRD	PRC	Rural Income and Sustainable Development	900,000	L. Adriano	ECAE	Aug-03	30-Sep-04	4401	
ECRD	PRC	Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province	500,000	Bo Lin	ECEN	Aug-03	05-Oct-04	4402	
ECRD	PRC	Rural Finance Reforms and Development of Microfinance Institutions (Rural Credit Cooperatives Development)	1,000,000	B. Wilkinson	ECGF	2004	09-Nov-04	4430	
ECRD	PRC	Developing a Poverty Monitoring System at a County Level	300,000	A. Asra	ERDI	Aug-03	01-Dec-04	4454	
ECRD	PRC	Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shanxi Province	500,000	E. Hassing	ECEN	Aug-03	15-Feb-05	4566	
ECRD	PRC	NGO Government Partnerships in Village Level Poverty Alleviation	1,000,000	C. Sphor	PRCM	Jul-04	20-Apr-05	4580	
ECRD	PRC	Alternative Energy Supply for Rural Poor in Remote Areas	500,000	A. Bhargava	ECEN	Mar-05	21-Sep-05	4649	
ECRD	PRC	Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring	300,000	E. Hassing	ECEN	Aug-03	02-Nov-05	4680	
ECRD	PRC	Urban Poverty Strategy Study II	300,000	S. Penjor	ECSS	Aug-03	23-Nov-05	4694	
15		Subtotal	\$ 8,700,000						
17		Grand Total (PRF-PRC)	\$ 9,210,000						

D. Dropped TAs

ECRD	PRC	Pilot Mapping of the Distribution of Multidimensional Poverty by Countries in Guanxi	320,000	D. Sobel	PRCM				dropped during the CSP discussions in 2004
ECRD	PRC	Special Breed Wild Pig Development in Enshi, Hubei Province	1,000,000	H. Sakurai	ECTC				same
ECRD	PRC	Study on Public Financial Emergencies and Ways to Justify Capital Management in Poverty-Stricken Area	200,000	Y. Qian	ECGF				same
ECRD	PRC	Poverty Statistics and Monitoring at/below County Level	400,000		ERDI				combined with Developing Poverty Impact Indicators and Assessment Methodology -- the new project name became <i>Developing a Poverty Monitoring System at a County Level</i>
ECRD	PRC	Provincial SME Development for Poverty Reduction	500,000	D. Sobel/M. Tang	PRCM				dropped during the July to September 2004 period
ECRD	PRC	Gansu Road Project (Poverty Reduction)	500,000	N. Toba	ECTC				same
ECRD	PRC	Empowerment of the Poor on the Road Development in Shaanxi Province	500,000	N. Toba	ECTC				Dropped in October 2004
ECRD	PRC	Rural Development in Mountainous Areas in Southern Ningxia	500,000	E. Kwon	ECTC				same

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STATUS OF GRANT (CONTRIBUTION)

as of 31 December 2005

(Amounts in US dollar)

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED (GBP 30,000,000)		50,026,025.75 ^{a/}
Gain (Loss) arising from change in value of currency		1,713,054.73
Amount received	17,935,250.00	
Undrawn contribution (GBP 19,537,105.83)	<u>33,803,830.48</u> ^{b/}	51,739,080.48
Add: Income from investments	129,123.78	
Interest income	20,120.46	
Gain/(loss) on foreign exchange transactions	<u>(2,930.89)</u>	<u>146,313.35</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		51,885,393.83
Amounts utilized for:		
Project expenditures (Statement 2)	(8,805,837.32)	
Bank administration cost	(440,291.87)	
Financial expense - bank charges	<u>(3,572.29)</u>	<u>(9,249,701.48)</u>
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		42,635,692.35 ^{c/}
Less: Outstanding commitments	(25,304,634.19)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(1,265,231.71)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(26,569,865.90)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		16,065,826.45
Less: TA Approved But Not Yet Effective		
LAO/4481: Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Industrial Standard Development - Phase II	(700,000.00)	
TAJ/4664: Farm Analysis & Awareness-Raising for Debt Resolution	(800,000.00)	
VIE/4679: Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction & Growth Performance	(325,000.00)	
RMI/4653: Increasing Ownership of & Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management	(300,000.00)	
VIE/4690: Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Local Stakeholders for Implementation of Son La Livelihood and Resettlement Plan	(1,000,000.00)	
BAN/4707: Participation of the Urban Poor in Municipal Governance	(480,000.00)	
VIE/4714: Air Pollution, Poverty and Health Effects in Ho Chi Minh City	(600,000.00)	
BAN/4740: Second Command Area Development Project	(350,000.00)	
NEP/4754: Preparing the Education Sector Developing Program I	(150,000.00)	
CAM/4755: Developing Deposit Services in Rural Cambodia	(600,000.00)	
NEP/4759: Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development	(685,000.00)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(299,500.00)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(6,289,500.00)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR NEW COMMITMENTS		<u><u>9,776,326.45</u></u>

^{a/} Represents the sum of utilized and unutilized contributions expressed in US\$ equivalents.

^{b/} Undrawn contributions in local currency are translated at the applicable rate of exchange as of 31 December 2005.

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^{c/} Represented by:		
Cash in bank		4,893,659.71
Investments		2,816,003.48
Accrued interest		2,918.76
Undrawn contribution (GBP 30,000,000 less GBP 10,462,894.17)		33,803,830.48
Accounts Receivable		529.30
Advances		1,165,439.14
Less: Accounts payable	(3,980.84)	
Accrued expenses	<u>(42,707.68)</u>	<u>(46,688.52)</u>
		<u><u>42,635,692.35</u></u>

^{d/} Represents 5% of the outstanding commitments/TAs approved but yet effective.

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TA Title	TA No./Type	Date of Approval	Amount Received	Project Expenditures ^{2/}			Outstanding Commitments	Expected TA Completion Date	Completed TAs		
				Cumulative up to 31/12/04	Transactions 01/05-31/12/05	Cumulative up to 31/12/05			Unutilized Commitment (Savings)	Financial Completion Date	
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(F) = (A) - (E)	(G)	(H) = (A) - (E)	(I)
<u>Afghanistan</u>											
Poverty Reduction & Rural Renewable Energy Development	4461/AO	03Dec04	750,000.00		-	75,572.66	75,572.66	674,427.34	31-Dec-06		
Natural Resources Management & Poverty Reduction	4541/AO	23Dec04	810,000.00		-	66,893.31	66,893.31	743,106.69	30-Nov-06		
Total - Afghanistan			<u>1,560,000.00</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>142,465.97</u>	<u>142,465.97</u>	<u>1,417,534.03</u>			
<u>Bangladesh</u>											
Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation	4303/AO	19Dec03	350,000.00		19,613.00	207,498.51	227,111.51	122,888.49	31-Mar-06		
Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector	4320/BAN	16Mar04	420,000.00		-	53,448.00	53,448.00	366,552.00	30-Apr-07		
Total - Cambodia			<u>770,000.00</u>		<u>19,613.00</u>	<u>260,946.51</u>	<u>280,559.51</u>	<u>489,440.49</u>			
<u>Cambodia</u>											
Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women	3947/AO	24Oct02	400,000.00		248,610.27	72,913.65	321,523.92	78,476.08	30-Nov-05		
Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	3955/AO	30Oct02	78,500.00		17,063.53	21,222.10	38,285.63	40,214.37	30-Oct-06		
Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Workers Affected by Changing International Trade	4131/AO	20Jun03	600,000.00		273,313.10	155,935.18	429,248.28	170,751.72	30-Sep-05		
Participatory Poverty Assessment of the Tonle Sap	4283/AO	18Dec03	425,000.00		17,676.63	209,573.55	227,250.18	197,749.82	21-Jun-06		
Capacity Building of the Tone Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative	4376AO	16Aug04	500,000.00		-	148,128.21	148,128.21	351,871.79	30-May-07		
Community Self-reliance & Flood Risk Reduction	4574/AO	08Apr05	500,000.00		-	59,510.00	59,510.00	440,490.00	15-Nov-06		
Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development	4575/AO	05Apr05	150,000.00		-	26,077.42	26,077.42	123,922.58	03-Jul-06		
Total - Cambodia			<u>2,653,500.00</u>		<u>556,663.53</u>	<u>693,360.11</u>	<u>1,250,023.64</u>	<u>1,403,476.36</u>			

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				Cumulative up to 31/12/04	Transactions 01/05-31/12/05	Cumulative up to 31/12/05			Unutilized Commitment (Savings)	Financial Completion Date	
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(F) = (A) - (E)	(G)	(H) = (A) - (E)	(I)
in Rural Pakistan	4319/AO	05Mar04	580,000.00		-	94,566.86	94,566.86	485,433.14	30-Apr-06		
Non-Formal Primary Educ & Functional Literacy for Rural Women in SBAP	4414/AO	13Oct04	400,000.00		-	31,929.70	31,929.70	368,070.30	31-Dec-06		
Implementing Public Safety Reforms in 4 Districts of Prov of Punjab	4537/AO	23Dec04	950,000.00		-	-	-	950,000.00	31-Dec-07		
Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans	4602/AO	24Jun05	800,000.00		-	13,417.59	13,417.59	786,582.41	31-May-08		
Total - Pakistan			3,023,500.00		165,430.28	231,954.74	397,385.02	2,626,114.98			
<u>Sri Lanka</u>											
Community Information Services for the Poor	4110/AO	09May03	800,000.00		597,349.69	75,190.00	672,539.69	127,460.31	31-Jul-05		
Psychosocial Health in Conflict-Affected Areas	4442/AO	22Nov04	400,000.00		-	-	-	400,000.00	31-Dec-07		
Sri-Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assess & Prep for Emergency Assist Impl Stra	4567/PP	18Feb05	500,000.00		-	287,928.44	287,928.44	212,071.56	31-Dec-06		
Total - Sri Lanka			1,700,000.00		597,349.69	363,118.44	960,468.13	739,531.87			
<u>Tajikistan</u>											
Devt of Community Based Micro-Hydro power Supply in Remote Rural Areas	4423/AO	05Nov04	800,000.00		-	186,821.37	186,821.37	613,178.63	31-Oct-06		
Rural Development Project	4598/PP	16Jun05	150,000.00		-	2,113.95	2,113.95	147,886.05	30-Sep-06		
Total - Sri Lanka			950,000.00		-	188,935.32	188,935.32	761,064.68			
<u>Viet Nam, Soc. Rep. of</u>											
Transport Services Networks for the Poor	4028/AO	11Dec02	350,000.00		197,294.96	57,513.86	254,808.82	95,191.18	31-Mar-05		
Early Childhood Development for the Poor	4205/AO	24Oct03	450,000.00		131,648.16	213,583.20	345,231.36	104,768.64	30-Oct-05		
Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	4252/AO	12Dec03	73,000.00		14,286.78	34,056.11	48,342.89	24,657.11	04-Feb-06		
Developing the Social Security System	4276/AO	18Dec03	750,000.00		134,219.00	208,938.20	343,157.20	406,842.80	30-Jun-06		
Support for Pro-Poor Health Policies	4331/AO	28Apr04	550,000.00		-	164,540.17	164,540.17	385,459.83	30-Jun-07		
Supporting the Preparation of the Law on Gender Equality	4453/AO	26Nov04	370,000.00		-	71,464.62	71,464.62	298,535.38	31-Dec-06		
Developing Agricultural Insurance	4480/AO	15Dec04	600,000.00		-	84,690.08	84,690.08	515,309.92	30-Sep-07		
Implementing the Regulatory & Supervisory Framework for Microfinance	4638/AO	29Aug05	250,000.00		-	-	-	250,000.00	30-Sep-06		

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			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(F) = (A) - (E)	(G)	(H) = (A) - (E)	(I)
Dvlpng Ben Sharing Mechansms for People Adversly Affctd by Pwr Gen Pjt	4689/AO	14Nov05	150,000.00		-	-	-	150,000.00	30-Nov-06		
Total - Vietnam			3,543,000.00		477,448.90	834,786.24	1,312,235.14	2,230,764.86			
Regional											
Fifth Agriculture and Natural Resources Research at CGIAR Centers	5945/RG	17Oct00	905,000.00		-	-	-	905,000.00	31-Dec-06		
Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis	6061/RG	31Oct02	48,208.92		48,208.92	-	48,208.92			-	Jul-05
Developing Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB Operation in Reducing Poverty	6073/RG	16Dec02	600,000.00		4,558.62	161,158.60	165,717.22	434,282.78	31-Mar-06		
Str & Collection of Purchasing Power Parity Data in Selected DMs	6088/RG	19Dec02	800,000.00		2,255.00	221,325.57	223,580.57	576,419.43	31-Dec-07		
NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction	6109/RG	27May03	1,000,000.00		515,075.82	373,035.98	888,111.80	111,888.20	30-Jun-06		
Making Markets Work Better for the Poor	6113/RG	02Jul03	385,000.00			-	-	385,000.00	31-Dec-06		
Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Forestry	6115/RG	04Aug03	800,000.00		166,381.20	167,124.45	333,505.65	466,494.35	30-Jun-06		
Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Reduction in the Greater Mekong Subregion	6118/RG	22Aug03	150,000.00		44,113.85	22,137.31	66,251.16	83,748.84	31-Dec-05		
Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	6120/RG	27Aug03	300,000.00		-	250,049.13	250,049.13	49,950.87	31-Dec-05		
Study of Urban Violence in Asia Towards More Effective Urban Upgrading	6130/RG	30Oct03	150,000.00		21,517.88	67,126.94	88,644.82	61,355.18	30-Nov-05		
Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	6157/RG	18Dec03	400,000.00		60,095.60	127,083.86	187,179.46	212,820.54	31-Mar-06		
Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local ProPoor Budget	6170/RG	06Apr04	400,000.00		-	-	-	400,000.00	30-Jun-06		
Making Resource Allocation Pro-Poor and Participatory in the Pacific	6175/RG	16Jun04	500,000.00		42,441.92	57,232.00	99,673.92	400,326.08	31-Dec-06		
Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction	6176/RG	14Jul04	300,000.00		-	-	-	300,000.00	21-Jul-06		
Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion	6188/RG	30Sep04	575,000.00		-	202,259.28	202,259.28	372,740.72	31-Jul-06		

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Preventing Trafficking of Women & Childrn & Promoting Safe Migratr in GMS	6190/RG	04Oct04	700,000.00		-	229,289.58	229,289.58	470,710.42	30-Jun-07		
Pilot Test Partcpatry Assess Methodologies For Sust & Eqtbl Water Supply	6224/RG	23Dec04	550,000.00		-	168,888.12	168,888.12	381,111.88	31-Aug-06		
Strengthening Malaria control for Ethnic Minorities	6243/RG	23May05	750,000.00		-	350,000.00	350,000.00	400,000.00	30-Jun-07		
Strengthening Pro-Poor Policy in the Pacific	6245/RG	06Oct05	925,000.00		-	154,741.89	154,741.89	770,258.11	30-Jun-08		
HIV/AIDS Vulnerability & Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups	6247/RG	01Jul05	700,000.00		-	-	-	700,000.00	30-Jun-07		
Legal Empowerment for Women & Disadvantaged Groups	6248/RG	19Jul05	550,000.00		-	25,203.00	25,203.00	524,797.00	22-Jun-07		
HIV/AIDS Vulnerability & Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups	6260/RG	03Oct05	925,000.00		-	-	-	925,000.00	31-Dec-07		
Legal Empowerment for Women & Disadvantaged Groups	6270/RG	23Nov05	980,000.00		-	-	-	980,000.00	31-Dec-07		
HIV/AIDS Vulnerability & Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups	6278/RG	02Dec05	800,000.00		-	-	-	800,000.00	31-Dec-07		
Legal Empowerment for Women & Disadvantaged Groups	6284/RG	09Dec05	150,000.00		-	-	-	150,000.00	31-Jul-06		
Legal Empowerment for Women & Disadvantaged Groups	6288/RG	16Dec05	400,000.00		-	-	-	400,000.00	31-Jul-07		
HIV/AIDS Vulnerability & Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups	6289/RG	16Dec05	550,000.00		-	-	-	550,000.00	31-Dec-08		
Legal Empowerment for Women & Disadvantaged Groups	6296/RG	21Dec05	875,000.00		-	-	-	875,000.00	30-Nov-07		
Total Regional			16,168,208.92			904,648.81	2,576,655.71	3,481,304.52		12,686,904.40	

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Total Approved and Effective TAs			34,110,471.51		2,721,154.21	5,866,720.52	8,805,837.32	25,304,634.19		-	
Add: TA projects/programs approved by UKNI and ADB but not yet effective											
Integrating the Poor in Regional I Trade through Industrial Standard Development - Phase II	4481/AO	15Dec04	700,000.00								
Increasing Ownership of & Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Mgmt.	4653/AO	22Sep05	300,000.00								
Farm Analysis & Awareness-Raising for Debt Resolution	4664/AO	04Oct05	800,000.00								
Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction & Growth Performance	4679/AO	31Oct05	325,000.00								
Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Local Stakeholders for Implementation of Son La Livelihood & Resettlement Plan	4690/AO	14Nov05	1,000,000.00								
Participation of the Urban Poor in Municipal Governance	4707/AO	02Dec05	480,000.00								
Air Pollution, Poverty and Health Effects in Ho Chi Minh City	4714/AO	05Dec05	600,000.00								
Second Command Area Development Project	4740/PP	19Dec05	350,000.00								
Preparing the Education Sector Developing Program I	4754/PP	21Dec05	150,000.00								
Developing Deposit Services in Rural Cambodia	4755/AO	21Dec05	600,000.00								
Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development	4759/AO	22Dec05	685,000.00								
			5,990,000.00								
			40,100,471.51	\$	17,935,250.00	^{3/}					
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					
						17,935,250.00					

^{1/} US\$ equivalent of TA Grant at the time of TA approval.

^{2/} Actual disbursements.

^{3/} Represents the actual US\$ equivalent of contributions received.

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ADMINISTRATOR FOR
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND
POVERTY REDUCTION COOPERATION FUND - PRC PROGRAM
(UNITED KINGDOM AND NORTHERN IRELAND)

STATUS OF GRANT (CONTRIBUTION)

as of 31 December 2005

(Amounts in US dollar)

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED		15,119,810.16 ^{a/}
Gain (Loss) arising from change in value of currency		<u>136,047.97</u>
Amount received	3,600,000.00	
Undrawn contribution (GBP 6,765,841)	<u>11,655,858.13</u> ^{b/}	15,255,858.13
Add: Income from investments	51,352.07	
Interest income	8,309.76	
Gain/(loss) on foreign exchange transactions	<u>3,921.77</u>	<u>63,583.60</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		15,319,441.73
Amounts utilized for:		
Project expenditures (Statement 2)	(2,544,473.65)	
Bank administration cost	(127,223.68)	
Financial expense - bank charges	<u>(524.15)</u>	<u>(2,672,221.48)</u>
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		12,647,220.25 ^{c/}
Less: Outstanding commitments	(6,054,154.34)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(302,707.72)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(6,356,862.06)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		6,290,358.19
Less: TA Approved But Not Yet Effective		
PRC/4680: Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring	(300,000.00)	
PRC/4694: Urban Poverty Strategy Study II	(300,000.00)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(30,000.00)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(630,000.00)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR NEW COMMITMENTS		<u><u>5,660,358.19</u></u>

^{a/} Represents the sum of utilized and unutilized contributions expressed in US\$ equivalents.

^{b/} Undrawn contributions in local currency are translated at the applicable rate of exchange as of 31 December 2005.

^{c/} Represented by:

Cash in bank		643,707.28
Undrawn contribution (GBP 9,000,000 less GBP2,234,159)		11,655,858.13
Advances		351,127.05
Less: Interfund payable	(325.20)	
Accrued expenses	<u>(3,147.01)</u>	<u>(3,472.21)</u>
		<u><u>12,647,220.25</u></u>

^{d/} Represents 5% of the outstanding commitments/TAs approved but yet effective.

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PRC											
A Fund for Strategic Policy Conferences and Studies for Poverty Reduction	4200/AO	21Oct03	400,000.00		30,000.00	183,721.25	213,721.25	186,278.75	30-Jun-06		
Preventing HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Provinces	4142/AO	14Jul03	800,000.00		4,520.16	154,153.64	158,673.80	641,326.20	30-Jun-08		
Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor	4215/AO	12Nov03	400,000.00		82,519.00	238,371.00	320,890.00	79,110.00	30-Apr-06		
Policy Study on Poverty Reduction Prog of PRC-Trends, Challenges Future Direction	4222/AO	20Nov03	146,387.17		43,036.82	103,350.35	146,387.17			-	Sep-05
Capacity Strengthening of PRC's National Development Planning Services	4298/AO	19Dec03	352,240.82		230,930.91	121,309.91	352,240.82			-	Sep-05
Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation Programs	4307/AO	19Dec03	400,000.00		38,040.00	68,940.04	106,980.04	293,019.96	31-Mar-06		
Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program	4308/AO	19Dec03	400,000.00		46,096.00	129,314.95	175,410.95	224,589.05	28-Feb-06		
Poverty Impact of Area-Wide Road Networks	4322/AO	26Mar04	1,000,000.00		95,542.00	366,369.51	461,911.51	538,088.49	31-Aug-06		
Rural Income and Sustainable Development	4401/AO	30Sep04	900,000.00		0.00	29,440.00	29,440.00	870,560.00	15-Oct-07		
Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province	4402/AO	05Oct04	500,000.00		0.00	137,908.00	137,908.00	362,092.00	31-Mar-06		
Rural Finance Reforms & Development of Microfinance Institutions	4430/AO	09Nov04	1,000,000.00		0.00	356,020.39	356,020.39	643,979.61	31-Jan-06		

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Developing a Poverty Monitoring System at the Country Level	4454/AO	01Dec04	300,000.00		0.00	36,754.36	36,754.36	263,245.64	31-Mar-07		
Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shanxi Province (PRCF)	4566/AO	15Feb05	500,000.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	30-Jun-06		
Non-Gov't Org - Govt Partnerships in Village Level Poverty Alleviation	4580/AO	20Apr05	1,000,000.00		0.00	48,135.36	48,135.36	951,864.64	30-Nov-07		
Alternative Energy Supply For Rural Poor in Remote Areas	4649/AO	21Sep05	500,000.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	31-Aug-06		
			<u>8,598,627.99</u>		<u>570,684.89</u>	<u>1,973,788.76</u>	<u>2,544,473.65</u>	<u>6,054,154.34</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
Add: TA projects/programs approved by UKNI and ADB but not yet effective											
Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring	4680/AO	02Nov05	300,000.00								
Urban Poverty Strategy Study II	4694/AO	23Nov05	<u>300,000.00</u>								
			<u>600,000.00</u>								
			<u>9,198,627.99</u>	\$	<u>3,600,000.00</u>						
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					
Total						<u><u>3,600,000.00</u></u> ^{3/}					

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Projects Completed - PRC Program									
ECRD	PRC	4222	Policy Study on Poverty Reduction Strategy-Trends, Challenges and Future Directions	20-Nov-03	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.	Principal activities for this TA have been completed. Final activities included (1) study tour to India; (2) EA's dissemination of TA policy study findings; and (3) project wrap-up in June 2005; Awaiting financial closing.	The key recommendations emerging from the TA were considered in setting the Government's poverty reduction policy directions for the next two decades.	Financial closing: 22 September 2005	
ECRD	PRC	4298	Capacity Strengthening of PRC's National Development Planning Process	19-Dec-03	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.	TA activities completed. Final report is being drafted and for submission to ADB in July.	This TA helped improve plan formulation in priority areas under the Five-year Plan (including special sections devoted to PRC's poverty reduction agenda, livelihoods, related legal reforms, etc) via broad stakeholder consultation (i.e. national and local governments, NGOs, academe and the private sector) on planning and coordination for sustainable development.	Financial closing: 12 September 2005	
		2							
Projects Completed - Regional Program									
PARD	SUB-REG	6061	Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis	31-Oct-02	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.		Financial closing: 31 July 2005	The findings and recommendations of the TA have resulted in Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific (approved in December 2003) and the Pacific Strategy (November 2004).
MKRD	LAO	4108	Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Standard-Setting for Private Sector Development (Phase 1)	09-May-03	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, awaiting financial closing.	The consultants have raised awareness among senior policy makers regarding the concept of an integrated standards regulatory framework in the Lao PDR. They have furthermore developed the specifications of a silk standard in consultation with the private sector (domestic, international) and government and have developed a training of trainers program in three provinces dedicated to silk standard skills training in poor producing communities. Capacity building has also been provided to provincial government extension specialist in the three provinces in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of the silk standards skills development program.	Financial closing: 13 April 2005	The has created a dynamic for the application and acceptance of standards, both at the operational level in the provinces and national level, with synergies created between Government bodies and private sector representatives. The approaches piloted by this TA should be considered for further replication.

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MKRD	LAO	4009	Social Protection in the Lao PDR: Issues and Options	04-Dec-02	Comprehensive country-level assessment of key social protection issues. It will also provide for potential programmatic options for the country.	Completed, awaiting financial closing. The TA was substantially delayed at the beginning due to the lack of access to a major dataset on labor and employment and delays in recruiting the consultants. Access to the dataset was never granted and the TA effectively began approximately one year after approval. Without access to the data, the labor economist prepared a report using existing labor statistics and made recommendations for future research.	The analysis of the social protection needs was supported by the Government and the consultant prepared a report that was widely discussed within the Government. The report will also be used as the basis of forthcoming ADB publication on social protection in Lao PDR.	Financial closing: 14 March 2005	TA findings shall be used in ADB studies and Government reports.
		3							
B. Projects Under Implementation - PRC Program									
ECRD	PRC	4142	Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Province	14-Jul-03	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.	Consultant firm was mobilized on 01 March 2005. The inception mission was done on 8-12 March, and the strategy development surveys were started in April.		The surveys to guide strategy formulation was reviewed during the July strategy planning workshop. The Health education and advocacy campaigns are now ongoing	A strong buy-in by an EA, the BEC, was achieved. The neighboring Guangxi Autonomous Region has requested a TA linked to another ADB expressway project, to replicate this approach.
ECRD	PRC	4200	Fund for Strategic Policy Conferences and Studies for Poverty Reduction	21-Oct-03	An umbrella fund to support strategically important conferences, workshops, seminars and research related to poverty reduction.	The second batch of sub-project and liquidation reports were submitted and are under review. A total of nine projects were completed and two are ongoing. Selection of third batch of proposals is expected in October 2005.	The TA was lauded by the Office of the Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP) for flexibly responding to Government needs for research on urgent and key facets of poverty reduction policy.	Advance of \$122.78 for the 3rd batch of new proposals has been disbursed.	
ECRD	PRC	4215	Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor	12-Nov-03	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.	Inception and interim reports were disseminated and findings were reviewed at the multi-stakeholder workshop in 25-16 January 2005. The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Profile had been disseminated and the Five-year Sector Development Plan and ten-year Strategy Paper were discussed at the 27 April 2005 workshop.	Six case studies focused on remote, poor and minority areas, including with high fluoride/arsenic levels; finding feeding into recommendations for viable models for financing sustainable pro-poor rural WSS systems and institutional reforms.	For completion. A final report was prepared and presented to a Roundtable Workshop.	This TA catalyzed ADB and DFID co-organization of periodic roundtables of international organizations active in the PRC WSS sector, facilitating information flows, complementarity and consistency, across initiatives.
ECRD	PRC	4307	Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation Programs	19-Dec-03	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.	On schedule. The inception report was completed and the ADB and Government are both pleased with the progress. Desk review is likewise completed, and field surveys were designed (in coordination with the Government) and launched.		Desk review completed; field surveys were designed in coordination with Government.	
ECRD	PRC	4308	Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program	19-Dec-03	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.	On schedule. The inception report and desk review were completed. Field surveys were designed (in coordination with the Government) and launched.		For completion. A draft final report was prepared and submitted	

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ECRD	PRC	4322	Poverty Impact of Areawide Road Networks	30-Mar-04	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.	TA on schedule. A major workshop was held in 23 March, to discuss TA findings by senior representatives of State Council, MOC, MOF, provincial bureaus and the media. The Guangxi field survey was completed in April, and the interim report, in May. Pilot projects were selected in Guangxi and Sichuan, to support TA's analysis of local roads as a means to address needs of poor and isolated communities, as a key element of ADB's operational strategy.	The TA has good basis to influence future ADB loans - the TA is the first of its kind directed at MOC (the core agency for ADB-financed road projects). The inception report (Dec. 2004) plotted the TA course, including policy dialogue to enhance sustainability of national road investment strategy for 2006-2010, and mainstream poverty and social issues in project/program design.	The Guangxi field survey is completed in April, an interim report drafted in May and reviewed in a second major workshop in May. The first national workshop is completed in November 2005.	This TA is the first ADTA involving work with the Ministry of Communications to assess and sharpen the poverty impact of road networks
ECRD	PRC	4401	Rural Income and Sustainable Development	30-Sep-04	This project is to adjust agricultural structure and alleviate farmers from poverty.	Contract negotiations for consultancy services, completed.		Fieldwork commenced in October and an inception mission was conducted in December. The Project's organization structure was finalized involving the EA at the central level, and local government officials. Several policy issues that have both local and national implications, have been identified, and will be short listed for study under the TA. The EA also puts significance to the policy studies as these will provide them guidance on how to address policy reforms that are being implemented by Government to address poverty but may have adverse implications on future sustainable use and management of resources.	
ECRD	PRC	4402	Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province	05-Oct-04	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.	Consultancy services, contracted and commenced.		The assessment is ongoing. The heating tariff discount programs were well appreciated by the EA and stakeholders. The TA recommendations and findings were agreed by the EA.	
ECRD	PRC	4430	Rural Finance Reforms and Development of Microfinance Institutions (Rural Credit Cooperatives Development)	09-Nov-04	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.	Inner Mongolia Component: Consultants were fielded in January 2005. In April, a high-level stakeholders meeting was held, which coincided with the midterm review (MTR). Guizhou Component: Core consultants were fielded; inception mission was held in April 2005.	The MTR findings will guide further efforts on (1) institutional frameworks, and (ii) closer grassroots stakeholder participation. This undertaking is the first microcredit licensing in the PRC. Possible linkages are identified with (1) State Council-supported pilot test on rural finance institution licensing at the provincial level; (2) broader PRC initiatives linked to the International Year of Microcredit; and (3) enhanced dialogue/cooperation with UNDP, DFID, Ford Foundation, etc.	A draft of the final report was submitted in September 2005. A market study for microfinance development in Dongsheng District was conducted, in preparation for a licensed micro-credit operation in Dongsheng via international tendering. The macroeconomic and market studies for microfinance development was conducted in Jinagkou and nearby counties of Tongren Prefecture, in preparation for a licensed micro-credit operator in Jiangkou County via international tendering.	This TA has spurred innovations in the development of both rural credit cooperatives and microfinance institutions, with open bidding currently underway for what will be the first institutional microcredit licensing in the PRC.
ECRD	PRC	4454	Developing a Poverty Monitoring System at a County Level	01-Dec-04	Develop quantitative and qualitative methodologies to assess poverty reduction impact of ADB-assisted operations.	A two-day inception workshop in Chuxiong prefecture was held on 12 and 13 April 2005. Consultants were contracted and fielded in May.		The project is on track. In August 2005, a survey was conducted in 2 Yunnan villages to test feasibility and efficacy to feed into 2006 larger pilot survey. In October, the project and World Bank, jointly funded a study visit to the Philippines by a delegation of NBS/RSO and local government officials.	

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ECRD	PRC	4566	Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shaanxi Province	15-Feb-05	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	TA on schedule. Consultant recruitment is underway.		Consultant commenced services in November 2005 and an inception mission was conducted.	
ECRD	PRC	4580	NGO Government Partnerships in Village Level Poverty Alleviation	20-Apr-05	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.	TA on schedule. Consultant recruitment is underway.		Individual and firm consultants were fielded and completed their initial reports. The TA successfully reached pilot test phase of work. Competitive selection of NGOs to implement/facilitate village-level poverty alleviation projects was formally launched at the Great Hall of the People on 19 December 2005.	The launching marks the first time in the PRC that state funds for national programs have been channeled through NGOs on a significant scale, and has potential to fundamentally transform PRC poverty reduction efforts (and state-funded programs) more broadly.
ECRD	PRC	4649	Alternative Energy Supply for Rural Poor in Remote Areas	21-Sep-05	Strategy formulation for expansion of alternative energy-based electrification in remote rural areas, including a strategy to improve sustainability of existing decentralized installations.			Consultant recruitment is underway; Inception mission to be conducted in March 2006	
ECRD	PRC	4680	Alternative Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring	02-Nov-05	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.			Recently approved, consultant recruitment underway.	
ECRD	PRC	4694	Urban Poverty Strategy Study	23-Nov-05	Study/investigation of obstacles to accessing education, health care, housing and employment services by poor urban migrants in a midsize city and another relevant city in the mido r north west through a mix of qualitative and uantitative methodologies.			Recently approved; no activities yet.	
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ECRD	KGZ	4408	A Study of Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, poverty Reduction and Environment	12-Oct-04	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.	The consultancy services commenced on 22 March 2005. The inception report was submitted in April 2005.		Although a little bit delayed, the TA is progressing satisfactorily. In March 2005, Kyrgyzstan faced a revolution and subsequent political uncertainty. All international consultants' inputs were suspended until the Presidential Election was held and the new administration haad been appointed. This took a few months, and the team leader returned in September 2005. One of the first key event was a national workshop and given the sensitivity of land issues prevailing in Kyrgyz, it was not appropriate to hold this workshop until the political situation has settled. The consultants also found the budget very tight, so they requested additional amount (\$130,000) from the DFID. The request was approved in October 2005.	

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ECRD	KGZ	4405	Study on Pricing Systems and Cost Recovery Mechanisms for Irrigation	11-Oct-04	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.	Consultancy contract was signed in March 2005 with AFC Consultants International GmbH Germany. But due to uncertain political situation, the international consultants have not started their inputs. The international consultants are expected to start no later than mid-August 2005. This is to allow sufficient time following the recent Presidential elections for the new administration to be named particularly the Executing Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry.	The original Team Leader was replaced by the contracted consulting firm due to health reasons. The new team leader commenced services on 02 Nov 2005.	An inception mission visited the Kyrgyz Republic from 24 Nov to 9 Dec 05. The TA has already made some progress, although it is necessary to accelerate some activities to achieve the results for the end of phase 1.	Due to the delays in commencement of the TA, it is now expected to be completed by 30 May 2006.
ECRD	MON	4632 PPTA	Urban Development and Housing Project	18-Aug-05	A project preparatory TA that will improve living conditions and quality of life of the urban population, with particular focus on the urban poor, that is suitable for ADB financing. Under this PPTA, PRF fund shall be utilized to increase community awareness and promote community participation.			Recruitment of consultants is being undertaken.	
ECRD	TAJ	4423	Community-Based Micro-Hydropower Development in Remote Rural Areas of Tajikistan	05-Nov-04	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.	Consultants were recruited in May 2005, and an inception report was already submitted in June. Draft final report for Phase 1 is expected to be produced by end of August 2005.		Final report for Phase 1 was submitted to ADB and DFID, for approval to start with the Phase 2. DFID's approval was received on 29 Nov. 2005. Consulting services for Phase 2 commenced on 01 Dec 2005.	
ECRD	TAJ	4664	Farm Analysis and Awareness Raising for Debt Resolution	04-Oct-05	Study/analysis of large farm debt and awareness raising for cotton farmers, with the view of facilitating debt resolution and workout.			Approved in October, 2005. After the discussions with the Government regarding implementation arrangements, the decision was to hire individual consultants, instead of international consultant firms.	
ECRD	TAJ	4598 PPTA	Rural Development Project	14-Jun-05	A project preparatory TA that will help design an investment project to provide an integrated approach to agriculture and rural development	Approved in 14 June 2005.		Inception mission was fielded on 18-22 November 2005.	

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MKRD	CAM	3947	Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women	24-Oct-02	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	A review mission visited Phnom Penh in 21-26 February 2005 to review the progress on implementation of this TA. The TA has gathered information on models and best practices and is currently assisting MOWVA in mobilizing resources to develop integrated centers that will address issues of and provide opportunities for economic empowerment of women. As to the coverage for training and workshops, during the appraisal, it was envisaged that the TA will cover 8 provinces with no mention of WID centers. Given the key role of the WID centers for the economic empowerment of women, the TA scope was broadened to cover 6 provinces and 5 WID centers.	This TA assisted in providing inputs to the formulation of the National Strategic Development Plan 2006 - 2010; conducting skills training for the economic empowerment of women; mobilizing resources to develop integrated WID centers; providing continued assistance to line ministries in developing gender mainstreaming policies in priority areas linked to women's economic empowerment. MOWVA is currently embarking on a plan to transform WID centers to Integrated Women's Empowerment Centers. This proposal will tap into the JFPR, the proposal was submitted in June 2005. TA closing date is moved from 31 March 2005 to 30 June 2005.	The TA is extended to end of November 2005. TA activities are already completed, and is awaiting final report.	
MKRD	CAM	3955	Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	30-Oct-02 16-Dec-03	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.	The consultant is now fully on-board, representing ADB in the NSDP process with the World Bank and UNDP participating in the technical working group on poverty, monitoring the implementation of selected NPRS/PRF TAs and mission support to ADB's MKAE and MKSS.	The consultant reviewed and provided inputs to the CSPU, and supported the coordination of NGOs inputs into the initial draft of the CSP (2004-2008), as well as providing inputs to the preparation of the GMS Environmental Atlas, and the GMS CSP.	The extension of services of the Poverty Specialist consultant is currently being prepared.	Documents related to poverty reduction were collected and kept for use by ACRM and ADB missions. In addition, the consultant helped in the preparation of a short article on "Infrastructure and Poverty Reduction" and another paper on "Targeting the Poor and Vulnerable," which was presented at a National Workshop on "Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategy at Local Level."
MKRD	CAM	4131	Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Garment Workers Affected by the Changing International Trade Environment	20-Jun-03	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.	A workshop was held in February 2005 to disseminate the findings of the Phase 1 Report. The workshop was successful, and ADB's work under the TA is well recognized by various stakeholders and much appreciated by the Ministry of Commerce. Two pilot projects (garment employees development and labor law analysis) under the TA are currently under implemented, and their implementation period may have to be extended for 2-3 months to complete all the capacity building activities under the TA.		The final workshop under this TA was held on 7 July 2005, and participated by about 60 participants from key government agencies dealing with garment issues, donor agencies, the Garment Manufacturing Association of Cambodia (GMAC), the Cambodian Garment Training Center (CGTC), the NGOs, including PADEK. A wrap-up meeting with MOC, the EA of the TA was held on 8 July to discuss the follow-up actions. Financial closing of the TA shall be done once the final claims of consultants have been received.	

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MKRD	CAM	4283	Participatory Poverty Study of the Tonle Sap Basin	17-Dec-03	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 Research Institute (CDRI) is engaged as the lead research institution for the actual conduct of the PPA. Research methodology was developed with the participation of the major stakeholders, including Government agencies and the World Bank. Expansion of provinces covered by the PPA was undertaken with the approval of PRF and ADB management. Research teams were formed and trained and have undertaken actual field-level data gathering activities. Commune and provincial level workshops have been conducted to validate research findings and share participatory methodology. Initial data consolidation and integration is ongoing. Request was made for additional fund allocation in view of the increased cost requirement for the research, analysis and translation of the PPA outputs.	At least 3 NGOs (PADEK, CONCERN and World Visions) are developing case studies related to the PPA. Interests and support on the PPA have been generated among the stakeholders. There exists a sense of ownership on the part of government on the PPA. On several occasions, representatives of government expressed appreciation of the PPA with respect to its importance in the process of consultation and participation by the poor in policy-making. PPA findings are being fed into the development of the Third Cambodia Socioeconomic Development Plan (SEDP) as well as the World Bank's Country Poverty Assessment for 2005.	Expansion of provinces covered by the PPA was proposed, with changes in the TA cost. Said proposal was approved by the ADB management, with concurrence from PRF. Progress in implementation as of November 2005 is satisfactory. Training activities and pilot fieldwork have been completed. Consultant Neerah Shah had visited Cambodia twice and provided training in participatory methodologies and gender issues in participatory poverty assessment. The research teams have completed a pilot fieldwork and finalized their reports based on the pilot phase. An interim report was submitted by CDRI and NIS in August. This report focused on the results of initial observations of the fieldwork that used participatory research methodology.	During the meeting with the Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Planning, the Undersecretary expressed appreciation to ADB's support in the preparation of the two earlier plans (SEDPs) and requested further support in the preparation of the 3rd SEDP, the requested support being in the form of an international planning specialist.
MKRD	CAM	4376	Capacity Building for the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative	16-Aug-04	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.	The TA is progressing as scheduled despite the withdrawal of the Asian Institute of Technology from the project. The Tonle Sap Initiative Coordination Unit has been established; The NGO is expected to be fielded within July 2005 and will immediately proceed with the implementation of skills and awareness building activities. Preliminary review of partnerships has been carried out.		The delay caused by the withdrawal of AIT is being made up. ADB has contracted the Community-Based Natural Resource Management Learning Institute to execute the output for skill and awareness building. A formal agreement will soon be reached with the Cambodia Development Resource Institute for establishing a Tonle Sap initiative Learning Resource Center within it under the output for knowledge networking. The Tonle Sap Initiative Coordination Unit conducts regular discussions with a broad variety of stakeholders under the output for strengthening partnerships. The prospects for achieving the expected outcomes of the TA are good.	
MKRD	CAM	4575	Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development (C-BIRD)	01-Apr-05	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.	The Executing Agency (MRD) has assigned project focal person and counterpart staff, and contributed office and other supporting facilities within the Ministry. Consultants, both Team leader and local consultant, have been recruited. The direct recruitment of consulting NGO (PDA) is proceeding. PDA will carry out capacity building and catalyze partnership among participating stakeholders.		Over the last four months, a number of key activities have been carried out and a number of outputs have been produced: The C-BIRD Public-Private Partnership Task Force was formed; the capacity building training/study tour of task force members was conducted; the National Stakeholder Meeting was organized to raise awareness of the C-BIRD concept; the information and data gathering on Cambodia is ongoing.	
MKRD	CAM	4574	Community Self-Reliance and Flood Risk Reduction	08-Apr-05	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.	Negotiations for consultancy services contract is currently being done.		Contract negotiations completed. The consultants have started with their field work on 10 October 2005.	

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MKRD	CAM	4755	Developing Deposit Services for Rural Cambodia	21-Dec-05	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.			Recently approved, December 2005.	
MKRD	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	20-May-04	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.	During 4Q2004 to 1Q2005, preparatory activities of the TA were undertaken by the Office of the National Project Manager of the counterpart loan, Nam Ngum River Basin Development Sector Project. These include the preparation of a baseline survey framework, familiarization meetings in the 3 provinces, and identification of/meeting with organizations/institutions, which can participate in the baseline study. Meetings have been held with provincial Lao Women Union units, and at the district and community level. Inception mission was fielded in February 2005. The Mission met with officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and the project manager of the counterpart loan who were appraised of the goals, expected outputs and implementation arrangements of the TA. The int'l consultant was fielded in March 2005, submitted a workplan that will guide the conduct of field study and the subsequent writing of the research reports.	The Government expressed agreement and support to the TA and suggested stronger linkages with the JFPR project implemented in conjunction with the counterpart loan. The Inception Mission organized an inception workshop with representatives from Vientiane, Xaysamboun Special Zone, Xiengkhouang, and different government agencies in attendance. Apart from the discussion of details of the TA, the workshop was intended to be the start of the process of developing a methodology for the study and developing a basic knowledge of ethnic minorities in the counterpart project areas.	The activities identified in the workplan and research design by the international consultant are being undertaken as of reporting period.	During the last review mission in July 2005, the inception report was presented and discussed with government representatives and other stakeholders. The report was appreciated and discussed with government representatives and other stakeholders. The report was appreciated and its outputs are expected to have positive impact on the implementation of the counterpart loan.
MKRD	LAO	4392	Marketing Support for Organic Produce of Ethnic Minorities	17-Sep-04	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.	Two fair trade organizations were engaged during the second quarter of 2005 in the implementation of TA activities: the Friends of the Upland Farmers (FUF) and People Tree International. Inception reports have been submitted by these two organizations.		Preliminary market surveys were undertaken by FUF, while crop promotion campaign has been concluded. Development of value-added products strengthening of capacities are being undertaken. People Tree personnel conducted an inception visit in June 2005, the main purpose of which are to orient the local consultants, identify/profile the various ethnic groups that People Tree will work with, introduce the organization and start the process of product development. Another visit by the People Tree staff is scheduled in December.	
MKRD	LAO	4406	Capacity Building for Smallholder Livestock Systems in Lao PDR	11-Oct-04	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.	The TA Letter of Agreement was signed in 22 December 2004. Subsequently, the invitation for the submission of proposal (direct selection) for consultancy services was sent to CIAT (Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical) in February 2005, and the technical proposals were submitted by CIAT in March 2005. The intergrated comments on the proposal by the project officer was submitted in May 2005.		The consultancy contract with the CIAT was signed in 08 November 2005. Contract variation was effected on 23 November to correct figures in several budget items.	

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MKRD	LAO	4434	Poverty Reduction through Land Tenure Consolidation, Participatory Natural Resources Management and Local Communities Skills Building	17-Nov-04	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.	An increase in TA amount (from \$850,000 to \$974,300) was requested to cover additional TA costs. The request was approved in Mar 2005, after which, the consultancy contract was prepared.		The ADRA Lao is the lead consultant. The Project Implementation unit was established and a National Project Director (NPD) was appointed by the Executing Agency. A project Coordination Committee was likewise established (PCC) and met in October 2005. Another meeting was held during the ADB inception/handover mission conducted during the last week of November 2005. There are already several activities accomplished under the components of the TA: establishment of 9 village development committees; village trading post designs; participatory health and education needs assessment campaigns; situation analysis campaigns; participatory identification and assessment of credit needs for 100 families; cost-benefit analysis and gross margin analysis for major cash crops; and cadastral surveys of irrigated and irrigable lands.	
MKRD	LAO	4481	Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Standard-Setting for Private Sector Development (Phase 2)	21-Dec-04	Phase II of TA 4108 (PRF-funded) which has created partnerships between silk producing areas and cooperatives to disseminate information on the implementation of standard skills training to producers in poor communities. Phase II will expand a scope to support the development of poor industrial standards in the area of agro-industry, pilot-testing with poor communities and cooperatives, and streamlining standard regulatory framework.	The current EA needs to significantly improve coordination on policy objectives of donor projects. This has been communicated by ADB to the EA on 12 April 2005. The EA may be changed.		For cancellation. The TA letter have not been signed by the EA; ADB approval will lapse on 15 Dec 2005.	
MKRD	SUB-REG	6115	Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry	04-Aug-03	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.	The implementation of RETA case studies began immediately following the project Regional Consultation held in Bangkok in September 2004. National consultants in all three project countries were mobilized thereafter, and an ethnic minority consultant was also recruited. The recruitment procedures for the gender consultant are in hand. Due to delays in reaching agreements with executing agencies in Viet Nam and Lao PDR, the TA completion is now moved to December 2005. Most of the TA activities for Jan - Jun 2005 centered on field visit to survey sites.	Due to budget constraints, it has been decided that the gender and ethnic minority studies will focus on Viet Nam only. Four sites will be selected and surveyed by the gender and ethnic minority specialists. Data has been collected for the study on forest revenue management in Cambodia. Data collection in Viet Nam and Lao PDR is expected to be completed by mid-July and a draft of the report and analysis will be ready for comments by August 2005.	RETA is progressing well, but extension of up to 30 June 2006, shall be sought. This is necessary as data analysis from community case studies is still being processed by CIFOR. So is the data from case studies on industrial forestry. In addition, there is now a marketing survey and marketing support for the small-holder planters in Lao PDR that were adversely affected by Industrial Tree Plantations Project. Ethnic minority and gender studies are also still to finalize their work. Finally, there is a need to organize the stakeholder workshop for March 2006.	The structure of the community forestry research required that four sites were selected in each project country for in depth research and an additional 24-40 sites are selected for more cursory research. Household intensive surveys and extensive surveys have been completed in all three project countries in July. The results of the surveys have been compiled and are currently being analysed for completion of the report, which is expected by March 2006.

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MKRD	SUB-REG	6118	Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Alleviation in the GMS Subregion (Phase 1)	22-Aug-03	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 completion date has been extended to 31 Dec 2005. Tripartite consultation workshops were held in LAO on 1 March 2005, and in VIE on 4 March 2005, as part of RETA 6118 supporting the engagement of civil society in programming the RCSP for the GMS. The workshop was attended by the MKRD of the ADB. The consultant submitted a report on the consultations in May 2005. Follow-up activities are planned for 4th qtr 2005.		The SSTA has satisfactorily produced the ff. key outputs: issue paper on the subregional poverty situation in the GMS; subregional tripartite workshop in Bangkok; tripartite country consultation workshops in Lao PDR and Viet nam; initial set of recommendations for NGO participation in the GOC-ADB-CSO partnership in the updating of the RCSP and CSP. A draft TA final report has been prepared and circulated for peer review in Oct 2005. The TA final report is currently being prepared to incorporate the comments from the review. Financial closing of the TA is expected in February 2006.	The workshops (one held in 2004 and one in March 2005) provided an opportunity for exchanging views on poverty issues with a subregional dimension. The input from these 2 workshops fed directly into the updating of the RCSP and the CSPs for Lao PDR and Viet Nam in 2005. The inputs also fed directly into the initial preparation of the new CSPs for Lao PDR and Viet Nam.
MKRD	SUB-REG	6190	Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the GMS	04-Oct-04	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).	TA implementation is on schedule. During the first semester of year 2005, missions were undertaken to (1) review progress in Cambodia; and (2) hold meetings with UNIAP in Bangkok in order to review and discuss the draft regional plan of action to implement the subregional Memorandum of Understanding among the GMS countries.	The Government expressed support for the research program. The Mission had discussions with two international NGOs regarding the information campaign to begin in August 2005. The project team's inception mission in Cambodia yielded valuable information specifically on issues related to land grabbing, education, access to health care, prevalence of HIV/AIDS, trafficking and poverty. The possibility of interface with existing initiatives conducted by other NGOs is being looked into.	The United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking (UNIAP) submitted the Report on the Assessment of the Potential Regional Training Institution for the training on Human Trafficking which ADB found to be acceptable and satisfactory. A Coordinated Mekong ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking (COMMIT) was conducted, and a subregional Plan of Action is currently being finalized. Draft training modules/ curriculum were prepared by UNIAP and presented to an audience at ADB headquarters during 3rd quarter 2005. The Save the Children - UK has been engaged as the NGO IEC service provider. The said NGO will submit an inception report during the 4th quarter of 2005.	The provinces of Rattanakiri and Stung Treng in Cambodia and Luang Namtha and Bokeo in Lao PDR were selected as the focus of research activities.
MKRD	SUB-REG	6243	Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities in the GMS	23-May-05	Develop strategies for malaria control for poor ethnic minorities living in malaria-prone location in the GMS	This TA was approved on 23 May 2005.		The TA agreement with WHO was signed on 04 October 2005. The first tranche of \$350,000 was released also in the same month. An inception mission was held 23-26 Nov 2005, to attend the inception workshop organized by the WHO. This inception workshop discussed the issues of malaria control in ethnic minorities, as well as the study design features.	The next workshop to finalize study designs and training, intervention and survey plans, will be held in Shanghai, PRC in February 2006.

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MKRD	SUB-REG	6247	HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups through Communications Strategies	01-Jul-05	A pilot project that aims to halt and reverse the spread of AIDS by 2015 through the adoption of communication strategies			Inception mission was fielded to Bangkok in 28 October 2005 where the components and planned activities outlined in the TA paper were reviewed.	The mission discussed with UNESCO the possibility of using digital radio broadcasting via satellite, as a way of delivering radio dramas in low-resource settings. This technology would complement existing pilot efforts under the TA to help deliver key messages on HIV/AIDS in remote areas where broadcasting infrastructure and entities in ethnic minority languages are unavailable. Through discussions with ADB's NGO Center, First Voice International (FVI) has expressed interest in providing expertise in content development and digital satellite broadcasting of ADB activities. UNESCO agreed to explore further this partnership with FVI.
MKRD	SUB-REG	6289	Core Environment Program and the Biodiversity Conservation Initiative	16-Dec-05				Recently approved; no TA activities yet.	
MKRD	VIE	4252	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	19-Dec-03	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.	Due to the late fielding of local consultant, the TA closing date is extended to 04 February 2006, to allow enough time to complete TA activities. Poverty seminars and workshops were held in the cities of Hue and Kontum (February 2005), to discuss the policy implications of the lessons drawn from the poverty research. A Poverty Task Force meeting was also organized (April 2005), to discuss issue on poverty, which include SEDP planning process, poverty measurement, and the integration of CPRGS to SEDP, among others.	The Government of Viet Nam acknowledges good practices and experiences of development partners, and supports the integration of poverty reduction into SED planning. The SEDP 2006 - 2010 is currently being finalized, and this already included poverty, social inclusion and participation.	The TA poverty specialist provided support for the preparation of CSP/CSPU 2007 - 2009, in terms of analysis and background paper; as well as worked with two consultants to write-up the poverty analysis (CPA) and organize consultations for it. The Poverty Specialist had likewise developed a database for poverty monitoring, as well as a good collection of studies and participatory poverty assessment (PPAs) in all regions. This is useful sources for other studies and project preparation, as well as for CSP.	
MKRD	VIE	4028	Transport Services Networks for the Poor	11-Dec-02	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.	After the initial delays, the TA implementation took off when a new team leader was appointed in May 2004. Most of the TA activities were already completed, and a draft final report was submitted to the ADB on 21 December 2004. A revised final report was submitted on 02 May 2005. A number of TA workshops are currently being planned, where consultants and Government representatives will present the finding of the TA.		TA activities completed, TA completion report is being finalized; for financial closing	

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MKRD	VIE	4205	Early Childhood Development for the Poor	24-Oct-03	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.	The TA is progressing as scheduled. During the course of the TA, a number of household surveys were released and have become available to the consultant team. The scope of the household survey of this TA was therefore reduced, and the Survey Specialist was requested to dedicate additional time to analyze and summarize the data on the ECD. Additional financial resources were also requested to edit and publish the assessment and finalize the ECD strategy.	The Government has expressed a high level of satisfaction with the TA. One of the objectives of the TA is to develop an integrated investment strategy and the Government has requested that this strategy serve as the National Strategy for assessments (on child health and child education) produced by the TA, indicating that the studies will serve as important references on the status of children. The Government has likewise indicated its interest in editing and publishing the assessments for wider circulation.	The TA was successfully completed in May. It produced three component reports - on health and nutrition; education and economic/investment. Results from these reports have been highly appreciated and used by Min. of Health, Min. of Education and Training, and State bank, etc, to advocate and promote Early Childhood Development in the country. The TA also provided financial and technical support for the development of strategy on early childhood development. Said strategy is currently being reviewed by different government ministries. The TA report is yet to be finalized.	There is a plan to prepare extension of this TA, with an early childhood development pilot project.
MKRD	VIE	4276	Developing Social Security System in Viet Nam	18-Dec-03	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.	A revised mid term report was submitted to the ADB in March 2005.		The consultants have submitted a study report on the informal sector's involvement in the social security system. A draft social security law is under review, and the proposed amendments to the labor code and income tax law has already been submitted. The draft recommendations for the administrative redesign of the VSS is also being reviewed by the VSS.	
MKRD	VIE	4331	Support for Pro-poor Health Policies in Viet Nam	28-Apr-04	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.	Approved in April 2004, this TA has started implementation in October. The TA consultants were already recruited and they commenced services in February 2005. A minor change in the TA scope was requested to accommodate the request of the Government for support in the preparation of the Reproductive Health Masterplan.	The Government has shown significant interest in the TA. It has requested that ADB provide additional support to the development of health sector masterplans, that will play an integral part in the development of the Government's Health Sector Strategy, 2006-2010. The Ministry of health specifically requested that ADB support the preparation of the Reproductive Health Masterplan and the Information, Education and Communication Masterplan. ADB is already supporting the preparation of the Health Financing Masterplan through this TA and other activities.	Substantial progress has been made in both components of the TA since its inception in February 2005. Progress has been slower in the software and training activities of Component 1 because of important policy changes. Progress has also been made in TA Component 2, but at a slower pace. All four of the quantitative research studies have been initiated, and the work on the Participatory Rapid Assessment (PRA) of the Pro-Poor Health Policies has proceeded, although it is also behind schedule. The 1st interim report for the TA we prepared in October 2005.	

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MKRD	VIE	4453	Supporting the Preparation of the Law on Gender Equality	26-Nov-04	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 TA letter of agreement was signed in March 2005. Consultant selection process is ongoing.		A TA inception mission visited Viet Nam from 14-21 July 2005. A team of TA consultants of legal experts commenced work on 18 July 2005. The mission, in consultation with VWU finalized the work program and agreed on the expected milestone outputs. In October 2005, a TA Review Mission was done, to review and comment on the draft law on gender equality, done by the legal consultants. Based on the comments from various stakeholders, another draft is currently being prepared. The scheduled submission of the draft law to the National Assembly is targeted in May 2006. In 12-14 December 2005, a TA review mission was conducted in Viet Nam for the international workshop on Implementation and Enforcement Mechanisms for Gender Equality Legislation. An agreement was also reached between the mission and the VWU, to hold regular meetings between the TA teams and the group who is drafting the gender law, so that comments, suggestions and recommendations can be incorporated to the	A minor change in scope was requested, to recruit two consultants and create an external panel of legal experts to review and make recommendations on the draft law, drawing on the experience and knowledge of the international legal experts. The request was approved on 17Oct05. This external panel of legal experts will start their review of the draft law in December 2005. The next TA review will be in March 2006, prior to the presentation of the draft law to the National Assembly.
MKRD	VIE	4480	Developing Agricultural Insurance in Viet Nam	21-Dec-04	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.	Contract negotiation is ongoing and expected to be concluded in 29 July 2005. Consultants shall be fielded in 8-12 August 2005. Inception mission is expected in 10-12 August 2005.		A TA inception mission was conducted on 10 to 12 Aug 2005. An inception report was prepared and submitted to the ADB. The TA received strong support from the Department of Insurance, relevant government agencies and state-owned enterprises, the private sector, local organizations and international organizations.	One key issue was about data availability on crop losses, rainfall and other weather related data on the micro level. While these are available from several government agencies, consolidation of these data needs cooperation from these agencies. It was agreed to create a technical working group consisting of officials from relevant agencies.
MKRD	VIE	4638	Implementing the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Microfinance	29-Aug-05	Building on the work completed in TA 3741, this TA will assist the Government to implement monitor and review the regulatory and supervisory framework for Viet Nam's micro finance swector, as embodied in Decree No. 28.			Approved in August 2005, implementation has not yet begun. The signed TA letter from the Government was received only in November 2005. Contract negotiations with the consultants are now on going. Inception is expected in January 2006.	
MKRD	VIE	4679	Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance	31-Oct-05	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.			No TA activities yet.	

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MKRD	VIE	4689	Benefits Sharing Mechanisms for People Adversely Affected by Power Generation Projects in Viet Nam	14-Nov-05	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.			No TA activities yet.	
MKRD	VIE	4690	Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Local Stakeholders for Implementation of Son La Livelihood and Resettlement Plan	14-Nov-05	Capacity building for the stakeholders of the Son La and Huoi Quang Power Projects for planning and implementing effective livelihood program and resettlement plan			Approved in November 2005. Shortlisting of TA's international consultants is in process.	
MKRD	VIE	4714	Air Pollution, Poverty and Health Effects in Ho Chi Minh City	05-Dec-05	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.			Recently approved; no TA activities yet.	
PARD	RMI	4653	Increasing Ownership and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management and Disposal	25-May-05	A community-designed and -owned waste management system that will: promote public awareness and ownership of urban waste management through participatory planning processes; improved institutional arrangements for urban waste management; and design a sustainable solution for urban waste management.			TA approval, 22 September 2005. Consultant recruitment is currently being undertaken; TA activities to commence in 2006.	
PARD	SUB-REG	6157	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	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.	TA implementation is on schedule. A review mission was done in April 2005, for consultation with the Executing Agency regarding implementation arrangements.		The participatory hardship analysis in Kiribati was completed. The findings were presented in Tarawa, Kiribati, for the Government at Secretariat of the Pacific Community (EA) and Manila, for ADB. Findings from the Kiribati Participatory hardship was submitted. The TA Implementation is proceeding according to schedule.	
PARD	SUB-REG	6175	Making Resource Allocation Pro-poor and Participatory in the Pacific	16-Jun-04	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.	The consultant was engaged in November 2004. It has produced the inception report.		The report containing assessment of regional practices on participation in resource allocation process and recommendations was submitted in December 2005. The draft Training of Trainers Manual had already been produced, but has not been submitted to the ADB. The Community Information/Resource Handbook is under preparation.	

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PARD	SUB-REG	6245	Strengthening the Pro-poor Policies in the Pacific	10-Jun-05	Strengthening of the capacity of national systems and organizations to implement pro-poor reforms	TA approval, June 2005. Process for consultant selection and recruitment shall start immediately after the approval of the TA.		The consultants are now engaged. BTOR for August mission reported commencement of preparation of an economic and social update for RMI. Two informal, confidential and facilitated retreats were held from 11 to 12 August 2005 (on private sector development policy) and on 15 August (on tax policy). The Executive Summary on the Federated States of Micronesia 2005 Economic Report has been published. The work on the RMI and Tonga economic and social reports are in progress.	
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)	23-Feb-03	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..	ADB and IFPRI signed a TA agreement in February 2005, to (i) screen rice varieties for those high in beta-carotene and offering potential to develop vitamin A rich rice, and (ii) support NARS in VIE and INO for ongoing breeding efforts for high-iron rice. This agreement also involved the transfer of 50% of the TA amount to IFPRI.		Although initially delayed, the TA is now progressing satisfactorily. Several varieties of brown rice (selected based on iron and zinc contents, grain quality and agronomical characteristics) were tested for the breeding program of new lines of rice with high iron content and improved grain quality. results show strong indication that a high iron and zinc content can be combined with high yielding rice varieties. Also conducted are additional studies on nutrition status of the rural population and taste preference for rice consumers.	The project so far has generated a large number of breeding lines of iron-rich rice in the selection pipeline. Promising advanced lines are being evaluated and new varieties will be selected for large scale testing. It is anticipated that the targets of the projects will be achieved.
REG	INTER-REG	6073	Developing Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB Operations in Reducing Poverty	16-Dec-02	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.	The draft final report of CGE Modeling for INO has been submitted to ADB and is now under review, so with the final reports of poverty predictor modelling analysis for INO, PRC and VIE. Pilot survey in VIE has been finished and is now in the data processing/analysis stage. In PRC and INO, the pilot surveys are ongoing, which should be followed by PAK.		TA activities completed, TA completion report is being finalized; for financial closing	

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REG	INTER-REG	6109	NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction	27-May-03 21-Jun-04	Umbrella fund to alimited 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	The TA has provided 68 small grants to AZE, BAN, CAM, COO, INO, KGZ, LAO, MON, NEP, PAK, PNG, PRC, RMI, VAN and VIE. Some 32 NGOs have already submitted their Project Completion Reports, and 22 projects have been financially closed. A major change in the TA scope was requested in June 2005, to increase the general country allocation ceiling from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per country.		A total of \$998,931.00 have been allocated to 71 projects in 15 countries. Of the 71 projects, 30 projects are completed; A consultant was recruited to undertake a mid-term review to assess the TA's overall status and identify the lessons learned.	The TA has positive impact on increasing ADB's capacity to engage with NGOs. Early linkages have been created between newly established ADB resident missions and NGO/CSO communities, NGO data bases in RMs have been updated and enhanced, and increased opportunities to engage with NGO/CSO partners on NGO/civil society issues have emerged
REG	INTER-REG	6120	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	27-Aug-03	Develop social protection index to enable monitoring of policies and programs implementation related to the sector.	Country reports for 6 countries and a multi-country report have been prepared and submitted. A conference that discussed the results of the study, was held in ADB Manila in March 2005.	A second phase of this TA is currently being proposed.	The project was completed successfully. All TOR elements were delivered in time and in good quality. Awaiting financial closing.	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.
REG	INTER-REG	6130	Study of Urban Violence in the Public Realm: Towards Safer Cities (CAM/BAN)	30-Oct-03	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.	Implementation of this TA is proceeding as scheduled. The consultants had been recruited and services, commenced. The study for Cambodia is nearing completion, while the study for Bangladesh is still ongoing.		The final report on Cambodia is completed, while the interim report on Dhaka had been drafted.	
REG	INTER-REG	6170	Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local Pro-Poor Budgets	28-Apr-04	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.	Implementation of the TA was delayed, in view of the shift of Task Manager from RSDD to SAGF. It also took a while before clearance can be secured from countries that are covered under this RETA. To date, only Pakistan and Indonesia have cleared, while Sri Lanka had dropped out. The process for consultant selection and recruitment is ongoing.		The consultancy contract with the Asia Foundation was signed on 07 Oct 2005. Albeit delayed in view of the local elections that was held in October 2005, the inception missions in Indonesia and Marshall islands were completed. The mission identified all the potential sites for pilot and held consultations with the LGs, local NGOs and other civil society groups for their participation in RETA activities. In December 2005, another inception mission was done, this time in Pakistan. Pilot sites were likewise finalized. The mission was also successful in engaging PRM as well as CIDA and DFIF-Pakistan, for harmonization and sustainability of RETA outputs and outcomes. During these inception missions, the pilot activities were refined to achieve maximum impact given the short duration of the TA.	
REG	INTER-REG	6176	Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operations	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.	Full implementation is delayed with the addition of a processing step in consultant recruitment.		Contract with consulting firm is currently being finalized.	Demand from project officers is already high for both components: participating strategy development and project planning implementation/M&E

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REG	INTER-REG	6188	Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion	30-Sep-04	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.	The services of consultants commenced in May 2005. The inception meeting was held in Bangkok from 27-29 June 2005.		An inception report was prepared by the Asia Foundation, and submitted to the ADB in August 2005. The report includes the consensus understanding reached by (inception) meeting participants on the conceptual framework, research methodology and work plan for the project.	
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	14-Oct-04	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.	Prof. Prasada Rao, Poverty Consultant, was engaged to work on poverty PPPs. Poverty PPPs will utilize the basic price data collected from the main ICP survey. The differences in the items for consumption by the poor will be captured using various attributes associated with the price quotations and aggregation compilation methodology for the compilation of poverty PPPs. Discussions are currently underway with the Global ICP Office (World Bank) and the ToolPack software designers to facilitate the use of product attributes in PPP compilation.		A regional workshop for the 17 ADB DMCs participating in the poverty-PPP project, was conducted in Manila on 21-22 Nov 2005. The workshop provided an overview of the project for the compilation of a set of regional PPPs for poverty analysis in the AP Region for 2006. The workshop also discussed the methodology and current practices followed by various countries for poverty measurement. Current methodology, issues and options for regional and global poverty PPP measurement were highlighted in the workshop.	The country representatives endorsed the idea of conducting a price survey to collect prices of a "poverty-basket" consisting of goods and services that are representative of the consumption of the poor, to be conducted in 2nd quarter of 2006. The price data collected will be used in assessing the adequacy of the price data collected through the ICP price surveys.
REG	INTER-REG	6224	Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services	23-Dec-04	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.	The international consultant was recruited in February 2005, and an inception meeting workshop was held in Sri Lanka in 29March - 01April 2005. The training for implementing agencies was also held in April (for Sri Lanka). The training for Viet Nam will be done in July 2005.		Participatory assessments of ongoing WSS projects were done in Sri Lanka (TWSSP) and Viet Nam (RISP). The assessment results of Sri Lanka indicate a need to implement corrective measures (both software and hardware) to improve current operations and ensure sustainability of the systems before the project ends. In Viet Nam, assessment results also point to the need for designing better management systems particularly for small towns.	In view of the findings (from the assessment), extension of implementation of this RETA was requested, to improve design and planning of pro-poor, participatory, gender-sensitive and demand-responsive WSS services. The proposed extension is from 31 March 2006 to 31 August 2006, and is approved by the RSGS Director in November 2005.
REG	INTER-REG	6248	Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups	19-Jul-05	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.			Approved in July 2005. On 11 Aug 2005, five consulting firms were shortlisted to submit their technical and financial proposals. On 17 Oct, the Asia Foundation was selected to undertake the consulting services under this project. The Notice to Proceed was issued to the consultants on 22 Nov. Inception Mission is being tentatively scheduled for end of January 2006.	

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REG	INTER-REG	6260	Socio-economic Impact of Road Crashes on the Poor (IND/PAK/VIE/INO)	03-Oct-05	Study to help DMCs across the region take appropriate counter measures to address road safety concerns particularly those that have impact on the poor. The findings will help governments adopt appropriate policies to mitigate the impact of road crashes.			This TA is approved on October 2005. Recruitment of consultants is under process.	
REG	INTER-REG	6270	Facilitating Knowledge Mangement for Pro-poor Policies and Projects	23-Nov-05	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			This TA is approved in November 2005. Consultant recruitment is under process.	
REG	INTER-REG	6278	Innovative Information and Communication Technology in Education and its Potential for Reducing Poverty in Asia and the Pacific	02-Dec-05	Study to support policy and strategy development in the area of ICT in education			Recently approved; no TA activities yet.	
REG	INTER-REG	6284	Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanism	09-Dec-05	Expand the use of catastrophe risk insurance with the aim of reducing fiscal and economic volatility and social impact arising from natural disasters.			Recently approved; no TA activities yet.	
REG	INTER-REG	6296	Developing Pro-poor Governance Capability and Knowledge	21-Dec-05	Strengthen DMC knowledge and capacity in the use of tools and techniques for improving the performance of the delivery of public services and preventing corruption.			Recently approved; no TA activities yet.	
SARD	AFG	4461	Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development	03-Dec-04	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) installment 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.	TA implementation, ongoing as scheduled. Recruitment for consultant is ongoing.		The consultants got on board in Oct 2005. Four semi-illiterate persons including 2 women have been selected from villages in Bamiyan province to be trained as solar technicians in a community-based organization in India. The trained solar technicians will assist in the installation of solar home systems in 200 households in Bamiyan. As a pilot, the first community solar water heating system providing 4000 liters/day was installed at a 750-boys orphanage in Kabul. Fourteen solar powered pumps have been procured and will be installed in communities and schools to provide safe water and for small scale irrigation. Feasibility studies for installing common facilities for income generating activities through micro hydro power is completed for Panjsher and Bamiyan and civil works were initiated before the onset of winter.	At the request of the government, a rural electrification policy paper centering on deployment of renewable energy will be prepared by 1st quarter of 2006. A film crew has been selected to make a documentary film of the solar technicians selection in their shruas/communities and training in India; and installation of the solar panels in Afghanistan and the consequent impact of lighting upon people's lives.

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SARD	AFG	4541	Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection Project/Alleviation of Poverty in Buffer Zone of Protected Areas *	23-Dec-04	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.	TA implementation, ongoing as scheduled. Recruitment for consultant is ongoing.		An inception report was produced in July 2005. In October, missions were fielded to project sites in Bandi-Amir, Wakhan and Pamira, and participatory assessments were carried out to provide an analysis of the communities, identify priorities for action and developing a strategy to reduce poverty. A Social and Development and Gender Strategy has been prepared. A National Ecotourism Strategy (NES) has also been prepared. NES shall provide sources of income and other benefits for the communities living within and around the areas.	There is synergy between TA 4461, that will provide lighting to the communities. Agreement has been reached with an NGO to provide skills training in carpet and handicraft making at the community level. Implementation of the protected area management plans will be done thru community based eco tourism.
SARD	BAN	4303	Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation	19-Dec-03	Institutional capacity building support for monitoring and analyzing poverty trends, and evaluation of national poverty reduction programs and efforts	The first phase of 3 domestic consultants fielded in August 2004 completed assignment in February 2005 and submitted final report in March 2005. One international and two domestic 2nd phase consultants joined in March 2005 also. Presentation on TA work in progress was held in May 2005 in presence of key donor representatives, including DFID. Another workshop has been held with NGOs and civil societies. Work is in progress in line with the TOR and no slippages are expected.	BRM agreed with EA position that there is no need for engaging an international institutional consultant, but did not agree to the EA request for fielding an additional domestic consultant (in place of the international) as there was adequate consultancy input already engaged for institutional development.	The 2nd phase consultants completed their assignments in November 2005. The work accomplished are: consultations and trainings in poverty measurement and participatory poverty assessment with GED officials; meetings with other government officials; two workshops with civil society organizations; and two field visits for participatory poverty assessment and computer laboratory trainings with GED officials were held. On the procurement of equipment, upon the request of the EA, the BRM has initiated the process of procuring computers and other equipment.	Process consultations were undertaken leading to trainings in poverty concepts and measurement. Contacts were established through official channels with the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) and line ministries, often involving cumbersome procedures. Attempts made to include BBS in project activities including field visits to observe fieldwork for Household Incomes and Expenditure Surveys (HIES) did not succeed due to bureaucratic issues.
SARD	BAN	4320	Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector in the Context of Changing Trade Environment	16-Mar-04	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 consultants of this project were fielded in July. There was significant delay due to: (1) the Government needed more than 6 months to sign the TA agreement; and (2) it was very difficult to get a long term visa for the team leader. After the team was fielded, they made quick progress and have submitted the report with the design for the second phase of the project, end of October.	There are some difficulties to organize the final planning workshop where the design will be discussed with Government, stakeholders and ADB. The problem is mainly the unavailability of a representative from the EA (MOWCA). Major difficulty really is the lack of cooperation of the EA. They caused a major delay in the project implementation by not signing the TA letter and by not being able to send a representative to the planning workshop.
SARD	BAN	4707	Participation of Urban Poor in Municipal Governance	02-Dec-05	This TA shall establish institutional mechanisms increasing the poor's access to decision-making processes and develop participatory pro-poor planning and monitoring systems.			Recently approved; no TA activities yet.	
SARD	BAN PPTA	4740	Second Command Area Development	19-Dec-05	Feasibility study of three or four schemes selected from the nine large irrigation schemes recommended by the government, to prepare an investment proposal.			Recently approved; no TA activities yet.	

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SARD	NEP	4353	Promoting Pro-poor and Gender Responsive Local Governance	07-Jul-04	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.	Implementation of the TA is in the preliminary stage. A TA consultant was recruited and has commenced his work; completed inception meetings with the executing agencies and other related organizations. The guidelines and MOU for TA implementation are under preparation, and an orientation program for concerned stakeholders at the central level shall be held in August. Thereafter, the consultants will commence planning and implementation of filed programs in Nawalprassi and Lamjung districts.		The TA implementation guidelines have been prepared with intensive consultation with the central and district level agencies and local government institutions. The institutional framework for gender mainstreaming in field activities has been explained by forming central and district level committees. The guidelines have also clarified roles of the project committee in policy decision and program approval, and the project implementation committee in implementation coordination and monitoring. Programmable linkages with the executing agencies (EAs) have been established through the signing of an inter-department MOU.	The joint planning exercise with the EA's district offices has been completed to implement agriculture and livestock related income generating activities of community-based organizations.
SARD	NEP	4759	Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development	22-Dec-05	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.			Recently approved; no TA activities yet.	
SARD	NEP PPTA	4754	Education Sector Development I	21-Dec-05	Assistance to the Government to prepare ESDP I that will help develop a holistic approach to school education to improve efficiency and performance.			Recently approved; no TA activities yet.	
SARD	PAK	4015	Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab	05-Dec-02	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.	Two consultants, a Fiscal Report Expert and a Public Sector Planning Expert were hired in July 2005 and March 2005 respectively, on request of the Punjab Government to assist in institutionalizing the key recommendations of the Component reports. The World Bank, DFID and PRM jointly prepared and published the Punjab Economic Report in April 2005, which covered fiscal and budget management reform, policies to accelerate growth and measures to improve public service delivery and reduce poverty in the province.		Under Component 1 (Effective, Poverty Focused Development Planning), 5 principal outputs were produced: a Poverty Focused Investment strategy (PFIS) report, 6 sector papers (as background to PFIS), 4 district poverty assessment reports, a report on m&E systems, and a report on TNA. Under Component II (Effective Resource Management), the key outputs delivered were: initiation of Medium Term Budgetary Framework (MTBF) process, reports on tax reform and restructuring of the Finance Department and on evaluation of current procurement systems with recommendations for improvement.	TA outputs on PFIS, M&E, TNA, MTBF, taxation and procurement, have provided the basis for planning and execution of many reforms carried out under PRMP; the work on the PFIS has resulted in the first coherent agency-level development strategies in the province of Punjab; the TA has led to the introduction of medium-term development planning under the MTBF process in the provincial government. The MTBF has been used for the first time in the province to prepare in the budget for fiscal year 2006. The MTBF process is now being further expanded in the province under PRMP by establishing MTBF cells in the Departments of Finance, Planning and Development, Communication and Works, and Irrigation and Power.

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SARD	PAK	4277	Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	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.	The consultant continued to assist the PRSP Secretariat (Ministry of Finance) in poverty monitoring and evaluation. In addition, the consultant has been working on the following: review of the recent poverty literature, assistance in database preparation and research and dissemination. The consultant has been involved in policy dialogue on issues related to poverty reduction initiatives. He was co-convenor of the Poverty, Nutrition, Income Distribution and Social Protection Group of the 10th five year plan (MTDF); convenor of another thematic group on Poverty to produce a Chapter for the MDG Report 2005; produced a paper entitled 'Poverty Targeting Efficiency of Zakat, Microfinance and Lady Health Workers in Pakistan.' It will be published in PRM paper series. Two background papers to support the ADB poverty assessment exercise have also been finalized: 1) Poverty, Economic Growth and Inequality: A Review of Pakistan's Poverty Literature; and 2) Assessment of the Reliability and Credibility of Statistical Data for Poverty Analysis in Pakistan.	There has to be a strengthened focus on improving PRSP Secretariat's coordination with different departments/agencies/information systems to get quarterly data on the selected indicators on a timely basis - this is currently a main challenge in the production of good quality reports on progress of PRSP implementation. At the same time, greater emphasis is required on capacity building of the federal and provincial PRSP Secretariats so that they can collect as well as adequately analyze data on input, intermediate and output indicators. Finally, mechanisms need to be devised that guarantee the results obtained during the monitoring process are regularly fed back into subsequent resource allocation decisions.	Recently, the government of Pakistan has requested ADB its assistance through this TA in finalization/ compilation of the PRSP II. A change of scope under the TA has been proposed to assist the Government with the PRSP II work, and supplementary financing of \$100,000 sourced from the TASF for this purpose. The Resident Mission Poverty Reduction Specialist Exchange Meeting, organized jointly by RSGS and RSDD-PU, was held at ADB HQ, Manila on 11-13 Oct 05. the TA consultant represented the PRM. A review of poverty literature has been completed by the consultant. The two papers completed by the consultant are also in the process of publication.	Under the TA, a new report entitled 'Demographic Transition, Education and Youth Unemployment in Pakistan' is in the process of preparation. The consultant had also prepared a special section on Poverty Analysis in the Economic Updates on Pakistan Economy, a regular publication of the PRM.
SARD	PAK	4319	Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan	05-Mar-04	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 recruitment of the consultant team was concluded in January 2005. A major change in scope was approved on 22 December 2004, to incorporate a major study on understanding the short-run and long-run dynamics of local cotton price determination and measuring the linkages to poverty. The consultant team submitted an inception report on 03 January 2005, and a workshop to present it was held on 10 January 2005. A Draft Scoping paper was circulated on 24 March 2005, the findings of which were discussed in a Workshop held on 31 March 2005. A final draft of the Scoping Paper incorporating the feedback from the Workshop was submitted to PRM on 10 May 2005. A minor change of scope to include a necessary study on Income Mobility in Rural Sindh was effected on 09 June 2005. Survey and field research has started in June 2005.	A competent, motivated consultant TA team has contributed to timely implementation.	The TA is progressing satisfactorily. Thematic papers on Rural Economy and Livelihoods; Social Structures in Rural Pakistan; Governance Impediments to Pro-Poor Change in Pakistan; and Assessment of Interventions, were submitted to the PRM on 31 October 2005 and were shared with the GoP and other key stakeholders. A thematic workshop was held on 08Nov2005, to share information from the thematic papers, and to solicit feedback from participants on the findings that will further refine the policy focus of the study. Draft policy recommendations are under preparation by the Consultant Team and shall be submitted in January 2006.	Recruitment of individual consultants (vs. firm) has proved extremely beneficial in assuring high quality outputs under this TA.

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SARD	PAK	4414	Non-formal Primary Education and Functional Literacy for Rural Women in Selected Barani Areas of Punjab	13-Oct-04	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.	TA implementation is largely on schedule, however, selection and engagement of the NGO is likely to take two or more months with contract signing in October 2005. The TA consultant has already been selected and hired.		The international and domestic Community Education Specialists were mobilized in July and October 2005 respectively. NGO recruitment is ongoing and mobilization is expected by early February 2006. A detailed work plan will be developed by the consultants and NGO as soon as the NGO is mobilized.	
SARD	PAK	4537	Implementing the Police Safety Reforms in Four Districts of Punjab Province	22-Dec-04	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.	TA letter of agreement has been signed by EAD on 23 June 2005 and sent to HQ (OSEC, OGC, COSO, CTL) on 6 July 2005. Administrative approval of counterpart funding (PC-1) by Government of Punjab is awaited. The recruitment for consultants to comprise the TA team is in process. One consultant, the Automation Specialist, is on board.		The TA is on track. Work on three activities is currently underway: formulation of agreed rules of business for Public Safety Commissions and model annual policing plans; development of community policing models; and development of crime monitoring indicators. The first activity was carried out in close collaboration with provincial office of Decentralization Support Program. Preparatory work, including data collection and stakeholder consultations, is underway. A simple but scalable prototype was developed with regard to the crime monitoring indicators and work is continuing for its refinement. Inception mission by PRM was conducted. Programming arrangements, progress reporting, as well as deadlines on appointment of counterpart staff in PIU, opening of project account, establishment of project website and provincial/district launches of TA have been agreed with the Project Director.	The project will be completed in three phases spread over one year. The first phase has just started. A three-year strategic plan and first Annual workplan is in the process of being finalized in consultation with stakeholders and it is likely to be approved by mid January 2006 by the Provincial Program Review and Coordination Committee.
SARD	PAK	4602	Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans (GRAPs)	24-Jun-05	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 TA was recently approved (24 June 2005). No TA activities yet.		Overall, the TA is on track. Hiring of a consultancy firm is underway. To provide technical support during the interregnum, 3 Gender and Governance Specialists were hired. The consultants have undertaken the following activities: orientation of stakeholders to GRAPs, TA2 and SIG; visit to local governments to ascertain ground realities; support the Sindh and Balochistan Women Development Departments to prepare a project document (PC-1) for their respective GRAPs; advocacy and lobbying for approval of GRAP in North West Frontier Province; development of investment proposals for Gender and Governance Resource Pool. the development of technical investment proposals (TIPS) is underway. The TIPS will be included in the first work plan, which will be presented to the National Program Steering Committee for approval in February 2006.	Expertise in the field of gender and governance in Pakistan is not easily available. The Implementation Agencies lack the capacity to implement gender and governance reforms. Gender reform is not a priority in provinces having conservative political regimes (NWFP and Balochistan).

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SARD	SRI	4110	Community Information Services for the Poor	09-May-03	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.	There are 3 community information networks (CINs) established, community information centers (CICs) to village information centers (VICs). Capacity building and skills development programs for managing CINs, CICs and VICs, as well as community awareness programs, were conducted.		TA implementation was extended by 6 months to give the consulting team enough time for handing over the Community Information Network from the current executing agency, the Ministry of Education, to the Ministry of Science and Technology.	
SARD	SRI	4442	Psycho-social Health in Conflict-affected Areas	22-Nov-04	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.	Although approved in November 2004, TA implementation have not started yet. The signing of the TA letter is currently being awaited.		TA implementation has started in October, 2005, with the fielding of the international consultant. A local consultant was recruited in November. Both recruitments were significantly delayed in view of: (1) it took the Government a long time to sign the TA agreement; (2) it was very difficult to find suitable consultants which fitted the TOR and get Government clearance for them. Now that the team is complete, significant progress is made and the Government, especially the EA is very supportive.	After initial problems with the cooperation of the relevant Ministry, it is now expected that all planned results will be achieved.
SARD	SRI	4567	Sri Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies	18-Feb-05	Assistance in identifying detailed needs for the restoration and improvement of basic living conditions for people affected by the tsunamis in coastal areas and for people affected by the conflict.			Procurement of domestic and international consultants for the ADB/EU national and provincial road construction is being undertaken. Civil works for road construction shall commence in June 2006. The emergency assistance loan is also being prepared.	
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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.

Status/Accomplishments of TA 4461-AFG (Renewable Energy)	Status/Accomplishments of TA 4541-AFG (Natural Resources Management)
<p>Overall Physical activities of the TA have been completed. Process for TA financial closing is starting.</p> <p>Accomplishment by component</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment <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"> • Provision of solar systems <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>Overall Physical activities of the TA have been completed. Process for TA financial closing is starting.</p> <p>Accomplishment by component</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participatory planning and management of biodiversity conservation <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"> • Assessment and strategy development <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>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and capacity building <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"> • Microfinance facility for solar energy <p>No microfinance facility has been established.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management and impact assessment <p>Impact assessment has been conducted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination <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"> • Institutional capacity building to manage protected areas <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"> • Sustainable resource management mechanism <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"> • Eco-tourism <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"> • Public awareness <p>Awareness has been raised among local people on conservation education and park management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park infrastructure <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"> • Pilot alternative livelihood schemes <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>

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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"> • Pilot social protection measures <p>While NGOs were contacted on possible social protection pilot activities, these activities have not taken place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microcredit facility through NGOs <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>