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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	–	Asian Development Bank
ADTA	–	advisory technical assistance
AFG	–	Afghanistan
BAN	–	Bangladesh
CAM	–	Cambodia
CSP	–	country strategy and program
CSP/U	–	country strategy and program updates
CWRD	–	Central and West Asia Department
DFID	–	Department for International Development of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
DMC	–	developing member country
EARD	–	East Asia Department
ESDP	–	Education Sector Development Program
GMS	–	Greater Mekong Subregion
HIV/AIDS	–	Human Immuno Virus/Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
KGZ	–	Kyrgyz Republic
LGOP	–	State Council Leading Group office of Poverty Alleviation and Development
M&E	–	Monitoring and Evaluation
MCI	–	Micro Credit Institution
MFI	–	Micro Finance Institution
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
OED	–	Operations and Evaluation Department
PAK	–	Pakistan
PARD	–	Pacific Department
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
RCSP	–	Regional Country Strategy and Program
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
RWSS	–	Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project
SARD	–	South Asia Department
SERD	–	Southeast Asia Department
SRI	–	Sri Lanka
TA	–	technical assistance
UZB	–	Uzbekistan
VIE	–	Viet Nam

NOTE

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

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This fifth Annual Report (the Report) on the Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund (PRF) covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007¹. The Report summarizes the overall achievements of the PRF in portfolio development, financial administration, and fund management during the reporting period. This is also the last annual report prior to the completion of the accounts in June 2008.

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 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 Fourth Annual Report (January – December 2006)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).

II. BACKGROUND

A. Objectives

3. The PRF was established in July 2002 as a multi-donor fund, with a commitment of £30 million (about \$55.90 million as of 31 December 2007) for the Regional Window (PRF-HQ)⁴ and £9 million (about \$15 million) for the People's Republic of China (PRF-PRC) window until March 2008⁵. In 2005, PRF-PRC commitment was reduced to £6.0 million (about \$10.65 million equivalent as of 31 December 2007). The Fund assisted ADB in delivering on its poverty reduction strategy in its developing member countries (DMCs). The PRF thus contributed to augment ADB's efforts for poverty reduction and, as a result, (i) assisted in policy dialogue and strategy formulation on poverty reduction; (ii) contributed in the development of new programs and projects with increased focus on poverty reduction; (iii) monitored and assessed the poverty reduction impact at the project, meso-, and macro-levels; (iv) launched pilot poverty reduction activities to influence future loan design; (v) involved broader stakeholder consultations at all stages of design and implementation; (vi) strengthened ADB's role as the regional development bank for Asia and the Pacific to promote poverty reduction; and (viii) helped perform other activities as mutually agreed upon between DFID and ADB.

B. Activities

4. The PRF supported 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

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 March 2007.

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

⁵ As per the amendment of the Channel Financing Agreement for the Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund dated 20 April 2006

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. However, the PRF was 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 could be supported as long as they will have a measurable impact on the poverty situation in a country. Projects supported by the PRF were 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 cofinancing of project preparatory technical assistance (PPTAs) by the PRF-HQ was experimented in early 2005. 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. A total of four PPTAs (out of the 106 TAs) were supported by the PRF.

C. Eligibility

6. To be eligible for PRF funding, proposals should: (i) have a strong poverty reduction focus of 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 (iv) support projects solely based on their merit of systemic poverty reduction, with no specific country allocation.

7. The PRF is open to ADB's DMCs classified as A, B1, or B2 countries, excluding India for which there is a separate DFID fund and Indonesia for which there is a DFID-ADB partnership program for poverty reduction.

D. Approval Process

8. For the **PRF-Regional Window (PRF-HQ)**⁶, the approval procedure of new projects had been fully aligned with the Cooperation Fund in Support of the Formulation and Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategies (NPRS) financed by the Netherlands, following ADB's standard procedures for TAs. Over the years, certain modifications were introduced, in order to accelerate funding commitment and ensure fund closing by 31 March 2008. Therefore, no new projects were submitted and solicited since the end of December 2005.

9. For the **PRF-PRC Component**⁷, the approval process has been fully integrated into ADB's CSP process in which most activities were identified in the CSP. Starting in 2005, no new proposals were accepted due to DFID China's freeze in the PRF-PRC pipeline in November 2004⁸, with the exception that DFID China agreed in early 2007 to allow

⁶ PRF component covering the PRF countries excluding PRC

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 the ADB was instructed not to

“reinvestment” of \$65,000 in cost savings from several completed and closed PRF-PRC TAs as cofinancing for an eighteenth TA.

E. Fund Management

10. The overall management of the PRF had initially been lodged with the NPRS-PRF Secretariat in Poverty Reduction and Social Development Division (RSPR) of RSDD. With the reorganization of RSDD effective 1 July 2005, RSPR was split into the Gender, Social Development and Civil Society Division (RSGS) and Poverty Unit (RSDD-PU). The NPRS-PRF Secretariat moved to RSGS. The Secretariat acts as ADB’s internal clearinghouse for policy compliance and quality assurance for the PRF Fund. PRCM plays a key role in managing PRF-PRC in coordination with RSGS. OCO acts as the official channel of communications between DFID and ADB, particularly on the financial performance of the Fund.

F. Coordination and Partnership

11. The administration and management of the PRF-HQ are carried out in close coordination with the NPRS Fund. In the earlier years, the close partnership between the PRF and NPRS Fund has been maintained through joint six-monthly strategy meetings in Manila during which the work program and the status of project implementation were discussed. The agenda of these six-monthly strategy meetings, include, among others: (i) strategic emphasis of the funds; (ii) progress in financed activities including disbursements; and (iii) funds management issues. However, in 2005, one strategy meeting was held in ADB Headquarters in Manila and one follow-up meeting in London. Only one strategy meeting was held in 2006 (March), and one in 2007 (February).

12. The PRF had complemented 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 has complemented 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.

G. Reporting

13. ADB, through RSDD, furnished to DFID annual reports and semi-annual progress updates, which are posted on the website (<http://www.adb.org/prf/>). The PRF Memorandum of Understanding stipulates that external audit reports may also be submitted as required by DFID, but this has so far not been requested by DFID. ADB also submits, through OCO, 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, and more recently the annual NPRS/PRF strategy meetings have also offered an opportunity for ADB to provide up-to-date reporting to the donors. PRCM has prepared quarterly updates to DFID China of the PRF-PRC portfolio, with copy to the NPRS/PRF Coordinator at the headquarters.

H. Monitoring and Evaluation

14. Progress in pipeline development and portfolio management has been regularly

consider potential new activities, unless it has a firm projection that there will be savings to justify the design of new proposals.

monitored through 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 posted on the website.

15. During the 8th NPRS-PRF Strategy Meeting held in February 2007 at the ADB Headquarters in Manila, the donors repeated a strong message that all NPRS- and PRF-funded TAs should be completed by 31 December 2007, followed by their immediate financial closing in compliance with the NPRS and PRF Funds closing dates of 31 January 2008 and 31 March 2008 respectively. Exempted from this 31 December 2007 completion date were the “critical” TAs, which were approved to complete latest by end of June 2008. Nine critical PRF TAs were initially identified during the Strategy Meeting, and another 10 requested extension during the course of 2007, which DFID through the UK Office at the Board of Director was informed (on 13 November 2007), in view of changes in scope and implementation arrangements of the projects to make them more meaningful. Hence, the total number of critical TAs went up to 19 (17 for PRF-HQ window and 2 for PRF-PRC) towards the end of the year. The NPRS-PRF Secretariat undertook a much closer monitoring of the TAs on these critical TAs, and required the critical TAs, to submit monthly milestone projections and progress reports on project implementation and disbursement. Memos and emails were also regularly sent to the project officers to remind them of the TA closing dates. Further, in December 2007, Director RSGS, with the NPRS-PRF Coordinator met with sector and country directors to obtain their commitments for timely closure of all TAs.

16. A program-wide evaluation was carried out in two steps. The first step, an independent PRF-HQ mid-term review was carried out in January-March 2005 by DFID-London and on a much smaller-scale a mid-term review was also conducted jointly by ADB and DFID-China in June 2006. The second step, a full-fledged pre-completion evaluation was undertaken under the 2007 work program of ADB’s Operations and Evaluation Department, in conjunction with the NPRS evaluation, which started last September 2007.

III. OVERVIEW OF PRF ACHIEVEMENTS: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2007

17. **Summary:** The bulk of the PRF program implementation has closed in December 2007, with some exceptions in June 2008. Activities during this period are mostly centered on stricter and closer monitoring of project implementation and timely disbursement to ensure that these TAs will close on time. Implementation was fast-tracked. There were also a few cases when some TA activities were scaled down for projects that have implementation issues like delays in signing of TA agreements; longer than usual consultancy procurement processes; and political unrest in some countries, among others. While very strict and close monitoring of project implementation were undertaken, the implementation of a total of 19 TAs (out of the 106) unfortunately slipped to 2008. Outreach and communication were further strengthened with interviews and feature articles in the *Poverty Matters* e-newsletter, workshop announcements, website updates, and dissemination of short case studies. More issues of *Poverty Matters*, the NPRS-PRF e-newsletter came out, and it continued to draw favorable feedback from the stakeholders. Details are explained below.

A. Financial Status

18. **Overall commitment:** There is a total of 106 TAs in the PRF portfolio -- 88 TAs totaling \$45.974 million are under the PRF-HQ window, and 18 TAs with an estimated total of \$9.275 million under the PRF-PRC window. (See attached Appendix 1 for the detailed list).

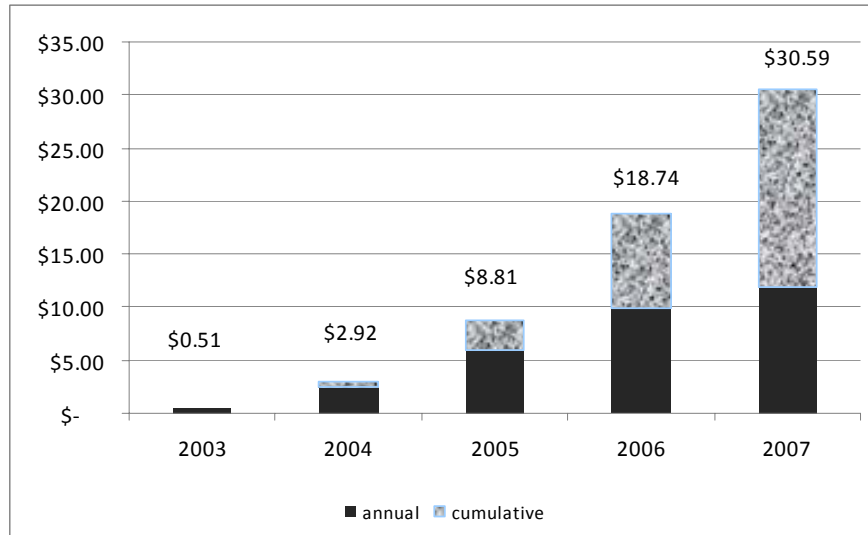
	Total Number of TAs	Total Amount of TAs In (US\$ million)
PRF-HQ	88	45.97
PRF-PRC	18	9.27
TOTAL	106	55.25

19. **Overview.** The total PRF contribution committed by DFID is £36 million for project financing from July 2002 to March 2008 (£30 million for PRF-HQ and £6 million for PRF-PRC). For the **PRF-HQ** window, the value of the PRF fund (excluding income from investment, interest earned, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions), as of 31 December 2007, was \$55.90 million, out of which, a total of \$34.94 million have already been received by ADB. Of the total contribution, \$45.97 million had been committed (ADB-approved) for 88 TAs. Of this, \$30.59 million or 66.53% have been disbursed, (excluding administrative costs and bank charges).

20. For the **PRF-PRC** window, the value of the fund as of 31 December 2007, excluding income from investment, interest earned and gain on foreign transactions, amount to \$10.65 million. Of this, \$9.51 million had been received by ADB. Of the total contribution, \$9.28 million had been committed (ADB-approved) for 18 TAs, of which \$6.82 million or 73.57% have been disbursed, (excluding administrative costs and bank charges). The financial statement for both PRF-HQ and PRF-PRC windows are attached as Appendix 3.

21. **Disbursement.** For the year 2007, the **PRF-HQ** window disbursed \$11.85 million for project expenditures (under the 88 TAs). This is about 19% percent increase from the disbursement of \$9.93 million in 2006. Cumulative disbursement as of 31 December 2007 has now reached \$30.59 million, which is 66.53% of the total committed amount for the 88 projects (\$45.97 million). Unutilized funds from the \$34.94 million remitted by DFID as of end December 2007 amounted to \$3.63 million (inclusive of interest/investment income, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions, administrative costs and bank charges but excluding advances).

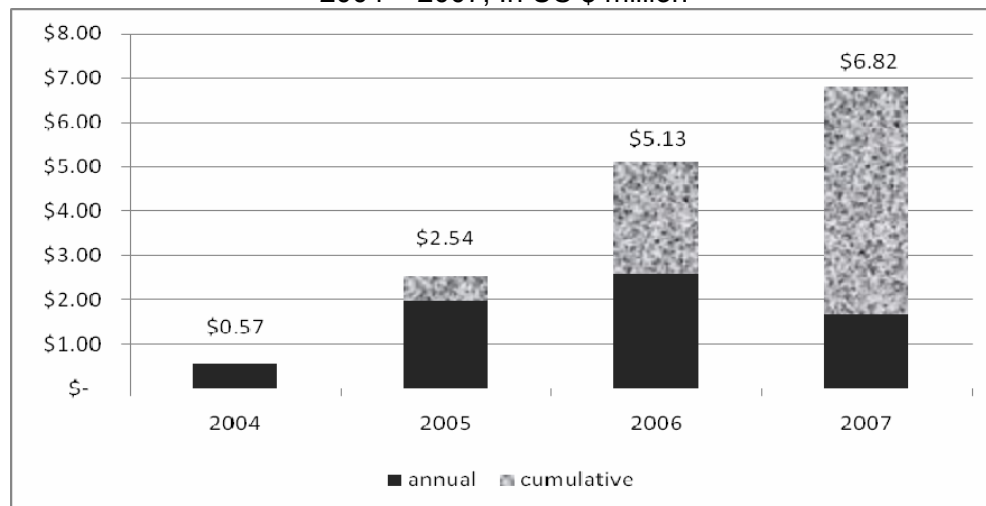
PRF-HQ Window Annual and Cumulative Disbursement
2003 – 2007, In US \$ million



	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Annual	\$ 0.51	\$ 2.41	\$ 5.89	\$ 9.93	\$ 11.85
Cumulative	\$ 0.51	\$ 2.92	\$ 8.81	\$ 18.74	\$ 30.59

22. Under the **PRF-PRC** window, 2007 disbursement confirmed to date is \$1.69 million (under the 18 approved TAs), though this figure is expected to rise considerably as 7 TAs completed at yearend are now under final liquidation of claims and other 2007 expenditures. The 2006 disbursement amounted to \$2.59 million. Cumulative disbursement as of 31 December 2007 has now reached \$6.82 million or 73.5% of the total committed amount (\$9.28million). Unutilized funds from the \$9.51 million remitted by DFID as of end December 2007 amounted to \$3.78 million (inclusive of interest/investment income, gain/loss on foreign exchange transactions, and net of administrative costs and bank charges but excluding advances).

PRF-PRC Window Annual and Cumulative Disbursement
2004 – 2007, In US \$ million



	2004	2005	2006	2007
Annual	\$ 0.57	\$ 1.97	\$ 2.59	\$ 1.69
Cumulative	\$ 0.57	\$ 2.54	\$ 5.13	\$ 6.82

23. **Disbursement Projection for PRF-HQ.** With only 17 TAs ongoing under the PRF-HQ window, another disbursement projection for the remaining period of implementation was done on a project-by-project basis. Each TA officer submitted their own disbursement projection in their semi-annual progress report and these were used to determine the overall projected amount, wherein most of them indicated that they would use the entire TA amount. To further verify, these amount were compared with the “contract awarded” amount, the latter of which includes consultant contract, committed publication budget, committed workshop budget, etc, which appear in ADB’s TA system. Unless component scopes are changed in a major way, these figures are quite firm. In some cases we used these figures instead of the total TA amount. Other factor that was also considered is the downscaling (which translated in the non-utilization of up to almost 50% of their total TA amount) of the following TAs: AFG 4541 - Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection Project and SRI 4442 – Psychosocial Health in Conflict Affected Areas.

24. As of 31 December 2007, total disbursement reached \$30.59 million (\$32.13 including bank administration cost and charges), advances of \$1.74 million and a cash balance of \$1.96 million. Foregoing considered the projected disbursements for the period January – September 2008 is \$9,626,201 (inclusive of 5% bank administration cost and charges). We would therefore need additional cash of at least \$7,665,656 or rounded up to \$8,000,000⁹, computed as follows:

Projected Disbursements for January to September 2008:	
For 17 ongoing TAs	\$ 4,727,227.82
For 40 completed, but NOT financially closed TAs	\$ 4,440,583.05
Sub-Total	\$ 9,167,810.93
5% Bank Charges	\$ 458,390.55
Total	\$ 9,626,201.48
Cash Balance	\$ 1,960,545.00
Additional Cash Requirement	\$ 7,665,656.48
Or round up to	\$ 8,000,000.00

25. As for the **PRF-PRC window**: Given the early cut-off date by CTL in December, final disbursement for the completed TAs is expected during the first quarter of 2008, with final disbursement of the 2 ongoing (critical) TAs shortly after their agreed completion date of June 2008, after which most of the remaining \$2.12 million will be disbursed.

B. Project Portfolio Management

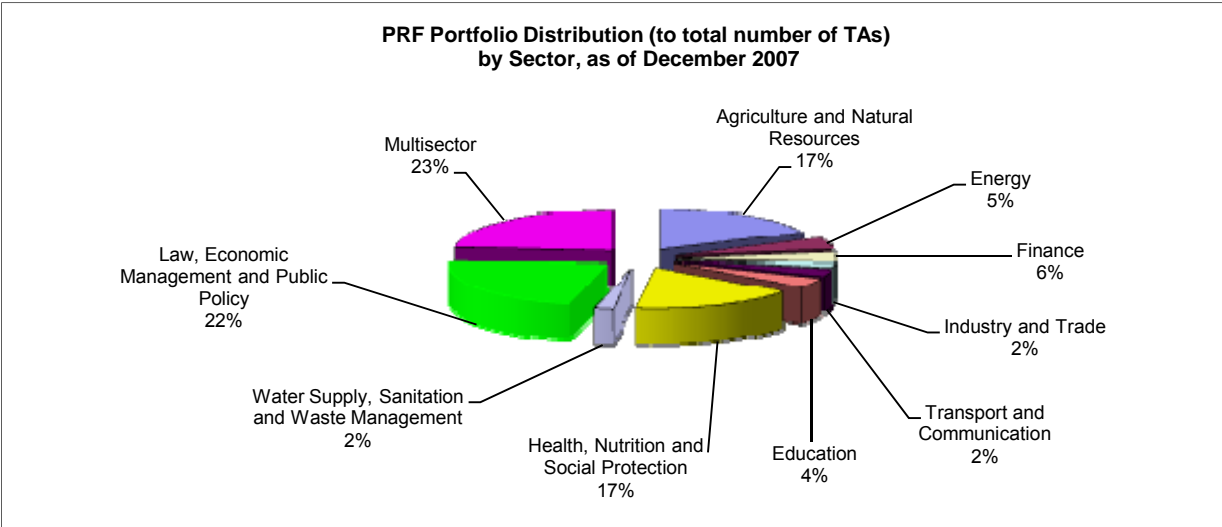
26. **Portfolio Overview.** As of 31 December 2007, 106 project proposals totaling \$55.25 million or 91% of DFID’s contribution of \$60.76 million (about \$60.76 million excluding gains incurred on receipt of contribution) have been committed by ADB. This comprised 88 TAs totaling \$45.97 million for the PRF-HQ and 18 TAs totaling \$9.28 million for the PRC.

⁹ In December 2007, ADB requested DFID for a final transfer of \$8.5 million and this amount is therefore still valid.

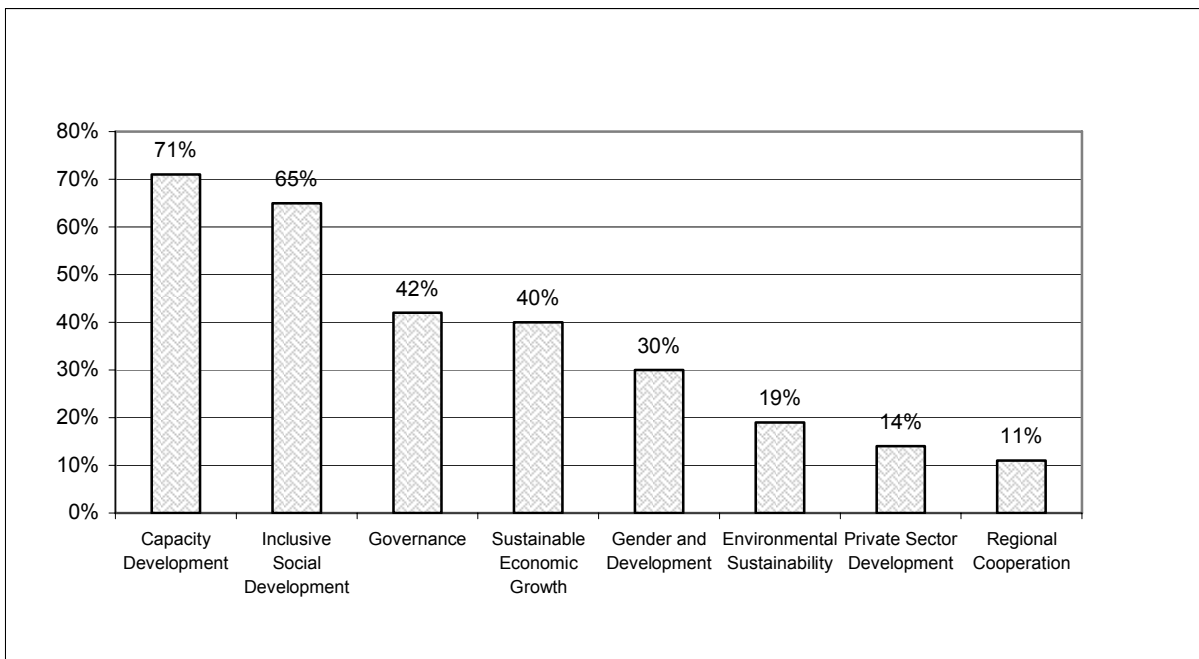
27. By project status as of 31 December 2007: a total of 87 (71 under the PRF-HQ window and 16 under the PRF-PRC window) TAs have been completed, 47 are in the process of financial closing and 40 are already financially closed. Nineteen TAs (17 under the PRF-HQ window and 2 under PRF-PRC window) are still ongoing. These are the critical TAs that were allowed to extend implementation latest until June 2008. The list of projects endorsed for PRF financing by DFID is in Appendix 3. The status of each TA is detailed in Appendix 2.

Total Number of TAs Financed by the PRF (As of 31 December 2007)			
	PRF-HQ	PRF-PRC	Total
Under Implementation	17	2	19
Implementation Completed (financially NOT closed)	40	7	47
Completed (and financially closed)	31	9	40
TOTAL	88	18	106

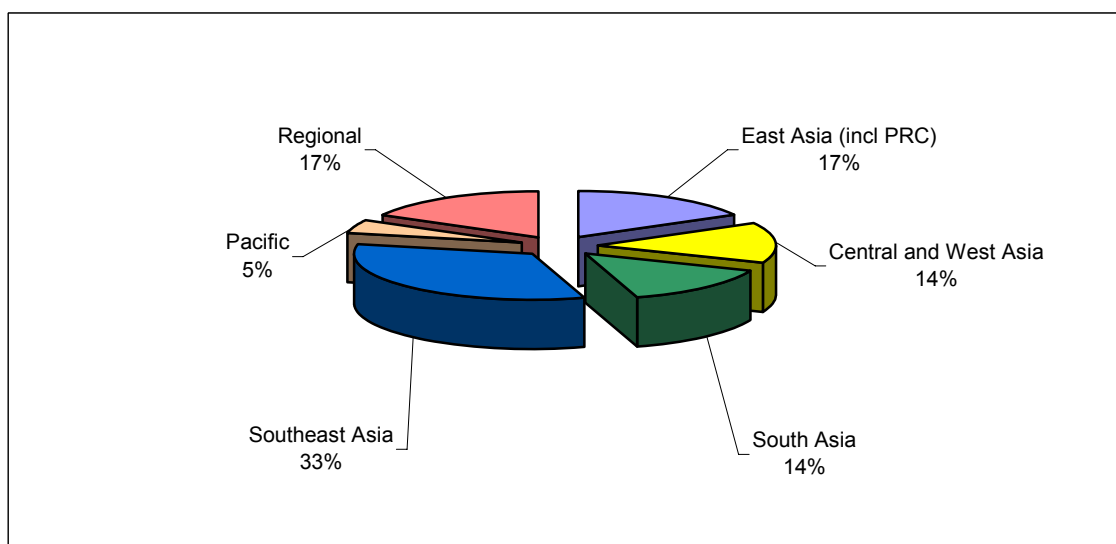
28. **Portfolio Distribution.** The 106 PRF TAs cover all the nine areas of the envisaged activities and scope (para 4). The portfolio is spread across many **sectors**, including multisector (23% of total number of TAs); law, economic management and public policy sector (22%); agriculture and natural resources (18%); health, nutrition and social protection (17%); energy (5%); education (4%); finance (4%); transport and communication (3%); industry and trade (2%); water supply, sanitation and waste management (2%).



29. Most of the portfolio has multiple **thematic** objectives, with capacity development as the most frequent thematic objective (71% of total), followed by inclusive social development (65%), governance (42%), sustainable economic growth (40%), gender and development (30%), environmental sustainability (19%), private sector development (14%) and regional cooperation (11%).



30. In terms of both, project number and amount, most of the projects are in Southeast Asia with 35 TAs (\$16.70 million), followed by East Asia with 19 (\$9.52 million), all of which except one is in the PRC. There are 15 projects each in both Central and West Asia (\$8.76 million) and South Asia (\$8.10 million), 17 projects (\$9.98 million) with regional coverage, and only 5 projects (\$2.18 million) in the Pacific.



31. **Implementation.** In principle, all TAs should have been completed by end of 2007. However, of the total of 106 TAs, a total of 19 “critical” TAs were allowed to continue operations latest until end June 2008. Of the 88 TAs in the **PRF-HQ window**, a total of 71 TAs have completed its operations by end 2007. Of the remaining 17 ongoing “critical” TAs 5 are nearing completion.

32. Of the 18 TAs under the **PRF-PRC window**, only two TAs are still to be completed. These are: (i) PRC 4142: *Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Province*, which experienced a major but externally imposed delay in the beginning, (as its timing had to be linked to the delayed inception and road construction under the loan project it dovetails with), and has generally made strong progress and introduced innovative approaches, especially in mobilizing both Government structures and community leaders; and (ii) PRC 4580: *NGO-Government Partnerships in Village-level Poverty Alleviation*, which has made strong progress after careful (and time-consuming) navigation through sensitivities surrounding the unprecedented release of state funds to NGOs: the TA marks the first time that PRC government budgetary funds have been channeled through competitively-selected NGOs systematically and on a sizeable scale. The latter TA has attracted considerable global and national media attention, and in September 2007 was selected by the PRC Ministry of Finance as one of five “best practice advisory TAs”.

33. Hence, the total number of **critical TAs** went up to 19 (17 for PRF-HQ window and 2 for PRF-PRC) towards the end of the year. The NPRS-PRF Secretariat undertook a much closer monitoring on these critical TAs, and required the critical TAs, to submit monthly milestone projections and progress reports on project implementation and disbursement. Memos and emails were also regularly sent to the project officers to remind them of the TA closing dates. Further, in December 2007, Director RSGS, with the NPRS-PRF Coordinator met with sector and country directors to obtain their commitments for timely closure of all TAs. Details of progress of the critical TAs are shown in Appendix 2.

34. **Completion.** By the end of 2007, a total of 71 TAs in the **PRF-HQ** window have completed its implementation, 31 of these have been financially closed, and the remaining 40 are for financial closing within the first quarter of 2008. For the **PRF-PRC** window, a total of 16 TAs were completed – 9 are financially closed and 7 are still for financial closing.

35. **Observations of Preliminary Outcomes of Completed TAs.** The assessment of the overall outputs and outcomes of the TAs under the PRF are being assessed by OED’s independent evaluation and the final review report of the PRF will be produced after the full closing of the Fund. Therefore, this report will provide some illustration of outputs and outcomes¹⁰. Some of the completed TAs have exhibited significant influences on DMC policies. Under the **PRF-HQ** Window, these are:

RMI 4658: *Increasing Ownership and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management and Disposal* succeeded in resolving key institutional constraints to improved urban waste management by helping stakeholders to agree to the establishment of the Majuro Atoll Waste Company. The TA also succeeded in securing stakeholder support for new systems of waste collection and waste treatment.

SRI 4761: *Microinsurance Sector Development* is the first project on microinsurance at ADB. This TA successfully addressed the risk mitigation needs of the poor and low-income households in Sri Lanka and initiated a microinsurance scheme which existed before the TA. This TA generated interest, motivation and commitment about microinsurance among the Government, insurance industry and microfinance sector. After this TA, several insurance companies start initiating insurance service activities

¹⁰ More illustration of outputs and outcome can be found in the case studies published in <http://adb.org/PRF/knowledge-products.asp#1>.

targeted for the poor and low income people. The TA was also effective in creating awareness on conducive legal and regulatory environment for microinsurance.

VIE 4278: *Developing Social Security System in Viet Nam* provided a road map for Viet Nam Social Security to improve the parametric design, administration, accounting and the investment practices of the schemes so as to assure its long term sustainability.

RETA 6243: *Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities in the GMS* was successful in building capacity of national and local health staff in evidence-based planning for malaria prevention and control and of village health workers and volunteers in malaria diagnosis, treatment and health education.

MON 4632: *Urban Development Housing Project* is a project preparatory TA which was designed to have multi-dimensional impacts on poverty reduction. While infrastructure is provided, the project simultaneously (i) increased access to small loans for households and neighborhood improvements; (ii) created direct short-term employment for construction and direct short-term income generating opportunities; and (iii) empowered poor residents in decision making process through the establishment of CBOs to plan and implement community infrastructure movement. PRF's cofinancing contributed to the community-driven design of component (iii).

VIE 4689: *Benefit Sharing Mechanisms for People Adversely Affected by Power Generation Projects in Viet Nam* is a SSTA that helped develop a mechanism to channel earmarked resources from hydropower generated earnings to affected communities. ADB plans to replicate a similar benefit-sharing mechanism to tollways.

The gender assessment done under CAM 3947: *Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women* was used by many other donors in the formulation of country strategies. Cambodia's line ministries have started to establish their own Gender Management Action Groups (GMAGs) and the TA's approach to working with these line ministries was adapted by other projects in their work.

36. **Preliminary Outcomes under the PRF-PRC window:** The PRF-PRC continued to support policy dialogue on innovative poverty reduction approaches, and key lessons learned are being more broadly disseminated. Illustrative recent highlights include:

- (i) Key recommendations from TA 4308 (the first external assessment of massive national reforestation programs and analysis of their impact on the poor) were directly reflected in an August 2007 State Council decision on reforming "grain-for-green" programs;
- (ii) Partnership with DFID via the PRF-PRC and key achievements in promoting poverty reduction objectives were recently highlighted in ADB's "Poverty Matters" newsletter (<http://adbweb/Documents/Periodicals/NPRS-PRF/newsletter/issue3-Apr07.asp>);
- (iii) In addition to selection of five PRF-PRC TAs for a series of detailed case studies on PRF-funded projects regionally, pioneering work on NGO-government partnerships under TA 4580 will be included as the lead chapter in an ADB book on grassroots participation; and
- (iv) Two PRF-PRC TAs (TA 4430 on rural finance and microfinance institutions and

4580) were among the five TAs selected by the Ministry of Finance as “best practice advisory TAs” for their innovative design, strong cooperation in implementation and overall impact.

37. **Observations of PPTA piloting:** In 2005 the PRF-HQ window, on a pilot basis, topped up funding of four PPTAs to strengthen the TAs’ poverty and social analysis and to apply participatory approaches during project preparation. These TAs are:

- MON 4632: Urban Development Housing Project
- BAN 4740: Second Command Area Development
- NEP 4754: Education Sector Development I, and
- TAJ 4598: Rural Development Project.

38. This additional funding was well received by the operations departments and the DMCs as it provided the opportunity to execute a more thorough analysis, and conduct the responding workshops to include all stakeholders at all levels. All four PPTAs resulted in loan projects design with pro-poor features and participatory designs. However, at this stage it is difficult to assess whether this would have been possible without the additional PRF contribution. Another issue that was observed is that additional funding did not guarantee acceleration of the PPTAs implementation. Since in two of the four PPTAs (BAN and TAJ) the processing schedule was delayed, in which case, particularly for the BAN-4740 PPTA, disbursement was even very slow.

C. Key Achievements in Fund Management¹¹

39. **Overview.** As in 2006, the PRF fund management in 2007 was largely characterized by the emphasis on close monitoring of TA implementation, disbursements, and knowledge management. Closer coordination with the Projects Officers and monitoring was made by the NPRS-PRF Secretariat in RSDD. This is also to ensure that PRF-funded TAs have completed their activities by end of December 2007. Disbursements were looked into every quarter, and those projects with implementation issues were followed-up every month. Progress updates for each TA were made every six months, and quarterly for the “critical” TAs. Nonetheless, as discussed earlier, completion date of more TAs have slipped to early 2008. Key reports (annual report, semi-annual progress updates, quarterly financial statements, and disbursement projections) were delivered to donors on time and posted on the website.

40. **Eighth NPRS-PRF Strategy Meeting.** On 5 and 6 February 2007, the 8th NPRS-PRF Strategy Meeting was held together with Representatives from the Government of the Netherlands and DFID, UK. In addition to the regular agenda of reviewing and discussing progress of the Funds, more time was spent to discuss steps for proper closure. In this strategy meeting, ADB and the donors agreed to comply with the scheduled physical completion of all TA activities by 31 December 2007, followed by their immediate financial closing, in compliance with the NPRS and PRF Funds closing dates of 31 January 2008 and 31 March 2008, respectively, with the exception of nine¹² PRF-financed TAs beyond the agreed deadline.

41. Other significant topics discussed during this strategy meeting include: (i) the proposed NPRS and PRF evaluation by the operations evaluation department of ADB, which is proposed

¹¹ This section primarily refers to the PRF-HQ window unless otherwise stated.

¹² During the 8th Strategy Meeting nine “critical” TAs were agreed to have their completion dates extended beyond 31 December 2007. Over time this number increased to a total of 23 “critical” TAs as explained in paragraph 15.

to start towards the end of the third quarter of this year, and (ii) the proposed NPRS-PRF poverty conference, which was held in October 2007¹³.

42. **Assistance to Operational Departments and Resident Missions.** The NPRS-PRF Secretariat strengthened its assistance to project officers with TAs under implementation with the special focus on knowledge dissemination through the website and more recently through the NPRS-PRF e-newsletter. Cost-sharing support to review missions was provided for TAs that needed closer monitoring. In 2007, the Secretariat had closer communication with the project officers regarding the TAs progress to ensure timely implementation. This has resulted in a better submission rate of the six-monthly progress report.

43. Workshops and seminars are usually the culminating activities under a PRF-financed TAs, and those that were held during the year were highlighted online through the NPRS-PRF e newsletter. These are:

Activity	Date	Content
Final Regional Workshop, RETA 6224: Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services	15 Jan 2007, ADB Headquarter, Manila	Participants agreed that the enhanced methodology for participatory assessment (EMPA) has increased participation, demand, gender, and poverty sensitivity within their respective water projects, and that EMPA should be applied to future projects.
Presentation of TA Results, RETA 6296 - Developing Pro Poor Governance and Knowledge.	23-24 Jan 2007	The results of the citizens' feedback on water and health service delivery by the Naawan municipal government in Misamis Oriental, Philippines were presented to local officials and stakeholders, Under the project, mentoring and coaching program is provided to local government units on the application of citizen report card methodology and continuous improvement and benchmarking techniques to improve the delivery of services, particularly to the poor.
Series of Anti-corruption workshops	11-22 Jun 2007 9-13 Jul 2007	
Regional Workshop, RETA 6088: <i>Strengthening and Collection of Purchasing Power Parity Data in ADB DMCs,</i>	March, 2008, Kathmandu, Nepal	The workshops, attended by representatives from the participating DMCs, were on International Comparison Program (ICP) Poverty Data Review (26-28 March) and on Preliminary PPP Results Review (29-31 March).
Workshop, RETA 6176: Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB	4-7 March 2007, Mongolia	This workshop facilitated the consultative process in Mongolia to develop a consistent and comprehensive approach to community-driven GER area development.

¹³ As time progressed, the design of this conference, held on 8-9 October 2007, has gone beyond the initial design of presenting and disseminating good practices and lessons learned from the two poverty funds. In consultation with the donors, poverty reduction conference has expanded its concept with covering the gamut of the poverty reduction and inclusive growth patterns and issues in the Asia and Pacific region, and offer a forum in which strong messages from external stakeholders can be shared of what the region needs and come up with suggestions how ADB can play a significant role in this paradigm.

Operations		The other consultative processes that were supported under this RETA are those for Country Partnership Strategies of Pakistan (Mar-Jun 2007) and India (Apr-May 2007).
Workshop, PRC 4430: Rural Finance Reforms and Development of Microfinance Institutions	19-20 Apr 2007, Beijing Friendship Hotel	
Seminar, RETA 6188: Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion	8 June 2007, ADB, Manila	The seminar discussed the results of RETA 6188 that explored the Legal Identity issue in Bangladesh, Cambodia, and Nepal
Brown Bag Seminar, RETA 6316 (Asian Development Broadcasting Initiative) piloted their technology through RETA 6247 (HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups through Communication Strategies)	24 May 2007, ADB, Manila	First Voice International (an agency that pilots satellite-based communications) presented lessons learned and issues related to using satellite technology to scale up education and information programs, especially for reaching remote areas. First Voice is a US-based nongovernment organization that has been endowed with 5% of the World Space satellite network for use in humanitarian development assistance.
Workshop, SRI 4761: Microinsurance Sector Development	28-29 June, 2007, Sri Lanka	The workshop gathered around 200 insurance professionals and policy makers to discuss how to extend commercially viable insurance services to the poor and low income people
Poverty Forum, RETA 6270: Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-poor Policies and Projects	8-9 Oct 2007, ADB, Manila	Over 100 international experts gathered in Manila to discuss how inclusive growth and poverty reduction efforts can be made more effective for the new Asia and Pacific. The forum recommended that ADB should move away from supporting traditional sectors in favor of inclusive growth to meet the new challenges facing the region.
Workshop, RETA 6088: Strengthening and Collection of Purchasing Power Parity data in ADB DMCs	4-8 Oct, ADB, Manila	The workshop discussed the methodology for computing poverty purchasing power parity (PPP) and reviewed preliminary poverty PPP results (released in July 2007). Discussions concentrated on the review and validation of Poverty-PPP estimates using two approaches.
Conference, RETA 6278: Innovative Information and Communication Technology in Education and its Potential for Reducing Poverty in Asia and the Pacific	16-18 Oct 2007, ADB, Manila	The conference facilitated the sharing of comprehensive and current information and communications technology practices for education issues.
South Asia Regional Forum, RETA 6306: Mainstreaming	13-14 Nov 2007, Bangkok,	The forum aims to facilitate a process where donors, government officials,

MfDR in Support of Poverty Reduction in South Asia.	Thailand	consultants, and other stakeholders work together towards a new view of mainstreaming Managing for Development Results (MfDR) in partner countries, in which MfDR is seen as a component of larger public sector reforms.
Final Regional Conference, RETA 6248: Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups	13-14 Dec 2007, ADB, Manila	The conference marked the completion of a three-country technical assistance project that had been carried out through the Asia Foundation in Bangladesh, Indonesia and Pakistan. It involved presentations and discussions by the ADB-Asia Foundation project team, their partner government and grassroots organizations, and legal empowerment experts from the region.

44. **Knowledge Management.** RETA 6270: *Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects*, which was approved in November 2005, has completed in Dec 2007. Its final review report is currently being prepared. Under the RETA the following knowledge products were delivered.

- The NPRS and PRF websites underwent a facelift earlier this year, resulting in an increase of hits over the past quarter. Both websites are also linked to ADB's main Poverty Reduction website (<http://adb.org/poverty/tools-innovations.asp>). A major product is the development of a great number of short and in-depth case studies. Of which, 57 short and 19 draft in-depth case studies have already been developed, and the drafts of the six thematic study (including synthesis) papers have been produced. Of this number, 38 short case studies have been published on-line. Six "Poverty Matters" e-newsletters have been produced quarterly featuring a number of TAs, cases and poverty reduction advocates. The NPRS-PRF e-newsletter have become quite popular that the RSDD-PU decided to continue its publication after the closure of RETA 6270.
- The knowledge products delivered by the team under Part B include, (i) the NPRS-PRF information brochure, (ii) a total of 41 thematic feature and news articles, (iii) 6 "spotlight" articles, featuring a number of key persons who were behind the success of the NPRS-PRF program, (iv) received and collected from individual TAs and RMs a number of media articles and edited them for inclusion in various dissemination channels, and (v) contribution to the production of the RSDD Technical Note on Poverty Reduction in the New Asia and Pacific.
- The Forum on Inclusive Growth and Poverty Reduction in the New Asia and Pacific, was conducted jointly with ADB's Poverty Unit on 8-9 October 2007 with participation of over 100 international experts discussing how inclusive growth and poverty reduction efforts can be made more effective for the new Asia and Pacific. The NPRS and PRF experience was also showcased; highlighting outcomes and lessons learned from the NPRS and PRF poverty funds, namely: (i) Pacific poverty reduction strategies; (ii) study on cross-border poverty reduction impact of regional economic integration in the GMS; (iii) maximizing poverty reduction impact through area-wide road network development methodology in PRC; (iv) targeting ethnic minorities in communicating risks of HIV/AIDS, human trafficking, and drug use in the GMS; and (v) poverty reduction and natural

resource management in the Tonle Sap Initiatives in Cambodia. The discussions were summarized and published through the RSDD *Technical Notes series on Poverty Reduction in the New Asia and Pacific*. To view the papers, speeches and other documents of the Forum, visit <http://www.adb.org/Documents/Events/2007/Inclusive-Growth-Poverty-Reduction/default.asp>. The RSDD technical note was done in close collaboration with RSDD-PU and Dr. Michael Walton¹⁴, summarizing the strategic discussion at the international conference on Inclusive Growth and Poverty Reduction in the New Asia and Pacific, 8-9 October 2007.

- Still under RETA 6270, the NPRS-PRF Secretariat provided assistance in facilitating and organizing workshops and brown bag seminars of the following PRF-funded TAs: (i) RETA 6316: *Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative*, 24 May 2007; (ii) RETA 6188: *Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion: Its relevance in ADB Operations - Seminar on Birth Registration*, 8 June 2007; and (iii) RETA 6190: *Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the Greater Mekong Subregion*, Final Regional Workshop, 25-27 July 2007.

45. **Special Review Missions.** As part of the implementation of RETA 6270: *Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects*, the main case studies writer/international consultant visited the PRC from 19-30 March 2007 and teamed up with a national expert to gather data on five TA projects being carried out under the PRF-PRC portfolio, for the purpose of developing case studies. A field visit to one of the project areas (TA 4580) was conducted, and a series of individual and group meetings with key stakeholders of the Government and of the five TAs were held. ADB also responded to a request by the PRC Ministry of Finance and State Council Leading Group of Poverty Alleviation and Development and prepared a synthesis document of key research and innovations supported by the PRF region-wide, with implications for the PRC.

46. The RETA Secretariat conducted a TA review and case study mission to Nepal from 1-8 August 2007, while the proposed mission to Central Asia did not push through due to low progress of the TAs and time constraints.

47. In addition, the SDDirect team leader also paid a 3-day visit to ADB-HQ to facilitate the NPRS-PRF session during the Poverty Forum of 9-10 October 2007 and to discuss the final issues related to finalizing the case studies and synthesis papers which were overdue for submission at that time.

48. From 27-29 November 2007, the Coordinator went to Cambodia to review the progress of two PRF-financed TAs, i.e. 4755-CAM developing Deposit Services for Rural Cambodia and 6247-REG HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups Through Communication Strategies. The two PRF TAs helped ADB and DMCs successfully piloting and adopting pro-poor approaches within ADB's core operations and the importance of disseminating the case studies and lessons learned was reconfirmed through the mission.

49. **Website.** The PRF website (<http://adb.org/PRF/>) has been revamped early 2007 and continuously updated throughout the year.

¹⁴ Dr. Michael Walton, Professor at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and at the Centre for Policy Research, Delhi. During his 20 plus years at the World Bank Dr. Walton as deputy leader, advisor and co-author of the 1990 World Development Report on Poverty, 1995 World Development Report on Labor and 2006 World Development Report on Equity and Development, among others.

IV. ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 2008

50. As the Fund is already being closed in 2008, focus will be on the following activities:
- Ensure physical completion of the 19 remaining ongoing TAs by June 2008 (whose financial closing is by 30 September 2008) and the overall settlement of the PRF trust fund account by 31 December 2008;
 - Provide any technical inputs to the ongoing independent evaluation of NPRS and PRF conducted by the ADB's Operations Evaluation Department¹⁵, as required;
 - Finalize publication of remaining short and in-depth case studies and thematic synthesis papers;
 - Prepare for any possible need for a strategy meeting in March 2008.
 - Continue dialogue and liaison with the OCO, CTL, and the Netherlands for the closing of the Fund; and
 - Prepare the final PRF Report as required by MOU.

¹⁵ OED's independent evaluation started mid-September. The report is expected by the first quarter of 2008. Apparently, no additional funds are required from NPRS and PRF.

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Region	Country	TA No.	Project Title	PRF Contribution	Project Officer	Division	ADB Approval ^a	Financial Closing/ Expected completion date	Remarks
PRF-HQ WINDOW									
A. Completed and Financially-closed Projects									
CWRD	PAK	4015	Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab	230,000	S. Parvez	PRM	05-Dec-02	Aug-06	PRF\$230,000; TASF\$250,000; Gov't of UK \$200,000
CWRD	PAK	4277	Supporting Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	63,500	F. Noshab	PRM	18-Dec-03	Oct-07	TASF \$ 148,000; NPRS \$31,500
CWRD	PAK	4319	Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan	580,000	F. Noshab	PRM	05-Mar-04	Oct-07	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
CWRD	TAJ	4598	Rural Development Project	150,000	J. Whittle	CWAE	14-Jun-05	Dec-07	TASF \$700,000
EARD	MON	4632 PPTA	Urban Development Housing Project	250,000	E. Honda	EASS	18-Aug-05	Aug-07	Minor change in scope requested to allow additional study on legal side; PPTA TASF \$350,000
PARD	SUB-REG	6061	Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis	50,000	S. Pollard	PAHQ	31-Oct-02	Jul-05	
PARD	SUB-REG	6175	Making Resource Allocation Pro-poor and Participatory in the Pacific	500,000	A.M. Witheford	PAHQ	16-Jun-04	Oct-07	Previous Project Officer: S. Pollard.
SARD	BAN	4303	Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation	350,000	Z. Hossain	BRM	19-Dec-03	Nov-06	
SARD	NEP	4353	Promoting Pro-poor and Gender Responsive Service Delivery Project	200,000	G. Gewali	NRM	07-Jul-04	Jul-07	
SARD	SRI	4110	Community Information Services for the Poor	800,000	A. Inagaki	SANS	09-May-03	Jul-06	
SARD	SRI	4567	Sri Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies	500,000	M. Alam	SLRM	18-Feb-05	Jun-07	
SERD	CAM	3947	Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women	400,000	J. Hakim	SESS	24-Oct-02	Mar-07	
SERD	CAM	3955	Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	78,500	C. Ouch	CARM	30-Oct-02 16-Dec-03	Oct-06	TASF \$18,000; NPRS \$31,500. This is an extension of a completed TA.
SERD	CAM	4131	Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Garment Workers Affected by the Changing International Trade Environment	600,000	L. Ding	SEGF	20-Jun-03	Mar-06	Original amount was \$500,000. The President approved the \$100,000 increase on 11 August 2004.
SERD	CAM	4575	Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development (C-BIRD)	150,000	S. Mar	CARM	01-Apr-05	Oct-07	
SERD	LAO	4009	Social Protection in the Lao PDR: Issues and Options	150,000	A. Jain	SESS	04-Dec-02	Mar-05	
SERD	LAO	4108	Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Standard-Setting for Private Sector Development (Phase 1)	150,000	M. Varkay	SEGF	09-May-03	Apr-05	
SERD	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	250,000	M. Mitra	SEAE	20-May-04	Nov-07	
SERD	VIE	4028	Transport Services Networks for the Poor	350,000	M. Sultana	SEID	11-Dec-02	Aug-06	Completion date: 31 March 05
SERD	VIE	4205	Early Childhood Development for the Poor	450,000	B. Lochman	SESS	24-Oct-03	Mar-07	
SERD	VIE	4252	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Viet Nam	73,000	K. Lao Araya	VRM	12-Dec-03	Apr-07	TASF \$15,000; NPRS \$37,000; Previous project officer: R. Adhikari.
SERD	VIE	4453	Supporting the Preparation of the Law on Gender Equality	370,000	A. Jain	SESS	26-Nov-04	Dec-07	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 17 Oct 05
SERD	SUB-REG	6118	Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Alleviation in the GMS Subregion (Phase 1)	150,000	C. Hnanguie	SEOC	22-Aug-03	Jun-07	Completed.
REG	INTER-REG	6073	Developing Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB Operations in Reducing Poverty	600,000	G. Sugiyarto/ R. Hasan	ERDI	16-Dec-02	Mar-06	Completed.

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REG	INTER-REG	6109	NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction	1,000,000	J. Francis	NGOC	27-May-03 21-Jun-04	Jun-07 Jun-07	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	6120	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	300,000	A. Weber	SANS	27-Aug-03	Sep-06	NPRS \$300,000. Activities completed Dec 2005.
REG	INTER-REG	6130	Study of Urban Violence in Asia: Towards More Effective Urban Upgrading	150,000	J. Hakim	SESS	30-Oct-03	Jul-06	Final report on Dhaka, completed.
REG	INTER-REG	6170	Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local Pro-Poor Budgets	400,000	R. Ahmad	RSCG	06-Apr-04	Dec-07	Completed.
REG	INTER-REG	6224	Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services	550,000	J. Francis	RSGS	23-Dec-04	Dec-07	Completed.
REG	INTER-REG	6284	Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanisms	150,000	W.G. Settle	RSCG	09-Dec-05	Dec-07	Completed.
REG	INTER-REG	6316	Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative	150,000	J. Francis	NGOC	05-Apr-06	Sep-07	Original VP concept note clearance \$100,000; At the request of the project officer, the amount was increased to \$150,000 in 06Dec05.
		31	sub total	10,145,000					

B. Completed but not Financially-closed Projects

CWRD	AFG	4461	Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development	750,000	J. Tokeshi	AFRM	03-Dec-04	31-Aug-07	Completed; for financial closing.
CWRD	AFG	4541	Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection Project/Alleviation of Poverty in Buffer Zone of Protected Areas	810,000	J. Tokeshi [now with DG, CWOD]	AFRM	23-Dec-04	30-Nov-07	PRF\$810,000; GEF\$975,000 Implementation, slow
CWRD	PAK	4537	Implementing the Public Safety Reforms in Four Districts of the Punjab Province	950,000	Waqas ul Hasan	PRM	23-Dec-04	31-Dec-07	TA implementation completed.
CWRD	KGZ	4405	Study on Pricing Systems and Cost Recovery mechanisms for Irrigation in the Kyrgyz Republic	300,000	J. Whittle	CWAE	11-Oct-04	30-Jun-07	TA completion date, extended to 30 Jun 2007
CWRD	KGZ	4408	A Study of the Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction and Environment	530,000	J. Whittle	CWAE	12-Oct-04	31-Dec-07	Original amount was \$400,000. Due to additional work requirement such as surveys, additional \$130,000 was approved by DFID on 27 Oct 05.
CWRD	TAJ	4423	Development of Community Based Micro-Hydropower Supply in Remote Rural Areas	800,000	X. Humbert	CWID	05-Nov-04	15-Aug-07	Initial phase, \$300,000; upon successful initial phase, DFID will commit another \$500,000. Completed, for financial closing.
CWRD	TAJ	4664	Farm Analysis and Awareness Raising for Debt Resolution	800,000	B. Wilkinson	CWAE	04-Oct-05	31-Dec-07	Initially delayed, but TA is now ongoing.
PARD	RMI	4653	Increasing Ownership and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management and Disposal	300,000	S. Pollard	PAHQ	22-Sep-05	31-Dec-07	TA ongoing; TA completion date, extended to May 2007.
PARD	SUB-REG	6157	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	400,000	A. Gill	PAHQ	18-Dec-03	31-Dec-07	NPRS \$400,000, TASF \$40,000
PARD	SUB-REG	6245	Strengthening Pro-poor Policies in the Pacific	925,000	S. Pollard	PAHQ	10-Jun-05	30 Jun 08 30-Dec-07	PRF\$925,000; Gov't of Australia \$25,000- \$1,125,000 TA nearing completion.
SARD	BAN	4320	Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector in the Context of Changing Trade Environment	420,000	A. Weber	SANS	16-Mar-04	31-Dec-07	TA is nearing completion. TA completion date is extended to Dec 2007.
SARD	BAN	4707	Participation of Urban Poor in Municipal Governance	480,000	S. Wendt	SAUD	02-Dec-05	11-Jan-08	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	BAN	4740	Second Command Area Development	350,000	P. Bozakov	SAAE	19-Dec-05	31-Mar-10	PPTA, JSF \$600,000
SARD	NEP	4754	Education Sector Development I	150,000	A. Inagaki	SANS	21-Dec-05	31-Jul-07	PPTA, TASF \$450,000
SARD	NEP	4760	Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of Road Projects	350,000	N. Sapkota	NRM	03-Jan-06	31-Dec-07	Originally \$500,000. Scope reduction during interdepartmental circulation. SRC 28 October 05. TA nearing completion.

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SARD	NEP	4774	Economic and Social Inclusions of the Disadvantaged Poor through Micro-Irrigation and Other Livelihood Enhancement Initiatives	450,000	G. Gewali	SANS	20-Mar-06	31-Dec-07	PRF portion has been completed and final report submitted. Activities are ongoing with funds from the government and NGOs.
SARD	SRI	4761	Microinsurance Sector Development	600,000	M. Ozaki	SAGF	03-Jan-06	31 Aug 07	TA nearing completion.
SARD	SUB-REG	6306	Mainstreaming MfDR in Support of Poverty Reduction	1,800,000	Z. Farhadian-Lorie	SAOD	27-Jan-06	31-Mar-09	TA ongoing/implementation on schedule.
SERD	CAM	4283	Participatory Poverty Study of the Tonle Sap Basin	425,000	M. Mitra	SEAE	18-Dec-03	31-Dec-07	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
SERD	CAM	4376	Capacity Building for the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative	500,000	A.M. Ahmed	SEAE	16-Aug-04	31-Dec-07	TA ongoing/implementation on schedule; critical mass of accomplishment is at hand.
SERD	CAM	4574	Community Self-Reliance and Flood Risk Reduction	500,000	C. Wensley	SEAE	08-Apr-05	31-Dec-07	Previous Project Officer: Ian Fox; TA is ongoing
SERD	CAM	4777	Dormitories and Learning Centers for Secondary School Girls	800,000	B. Lochmann	SESS	03-Apr-06	31-Dec-07	Firm. FF mission on 24-28 Oct. Programmed in CSP for 2005. Strong govt commitment. TA will be completed by end of 2007
SERD	LAO	4787	Revitalizing Community Demand for Immunization	140,000	S.A. Kerr	SESS	10-May-06	31-Dec-07	Cofinancing: \$120,000 (GSK Biologicals); \$150,000 (UNICEF). TA nearing completion.
SERD	VIE	4276	Developing Social Security System in Viet Nam	750,000	V. Subramanian	SEGF	18-Dec-03	31-Dec-07	Completed; for financial closing.
SERD	VIE	4331	Support for Pro-poor Health Policies in Viet Nam	550,000	L. Studdert	SESS	28-Apr-04	31-Dec-07	Additional \$50,000 approved on 09 Feb 2005. Previous Project Officer is E. Bloom
SERD	VIE	4638	Implementing the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Micro Finance	250,000	J. Farinha	SEGF	29-Aug-05	31-Dec-07	TA ongoing, completion date may be extended to Dec 2007.
SERD	VIE	4689	Benefits Sharing Mechanisms for People Adversely Affected by Power Generation Projects in Viet Nam	150,000	P. Perera	SEID	14-Nov-05	29-Feb-08	Delayed in view of delay in consultant recruitment
SERD	SUB-REG	6113	Making Markets Work Better for the Poor	385,000	K. Lao-Araya	VRM	02-Jul-03	31-Dec-07	Completed; for financial closing TA is 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.
SERD	SUB-REG	6115	Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry	800,000	J. Mir	SEAE	04-Aug-03	31-Dec-07	TA activities completed; for financial closing.
SERD	SUB-REG	6243	Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities in the GMS	750,000	B. Lochmann	SESS	23-May-05	31-Dec-07	TA ongoing; there was minor delay, but timely completion of project activities by Dec 2007 is endured.
SERD	SUB-REG	6247	HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups through Communication Strategies	700,000	A. Jain	SESS	01-Jul-05	31-Mar-08	\$522,000 UNESCO financing; TA ongoing, implementation is successfully moving forward.
SERD	SUB-REG	6289	GMS: Core Environment Program and the Biodiversity Conservation Initiative	550,000	J. Mir	SEAE	16-Dec-05	31 Dec 09	Leveraged a \$20 mil multi-donor grant facility. Interdepartmental circulation early November.
SERD	SUB-REG	6190	Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the Greater Mekong	700,000	M. Mitra	SEAE	04-Oct-04	31-Dec-07	TA completed satisfactorily.
REG	INTER-REG	5945	Fifth Agriculture and Natural Research at CGIAR Centers--Breeding Iron-Rich Rice to Reduce Iron-Deficiency Anemia in Asia (Suppl.)	905,000	S.M. Scheierling/ J. Jeugmans	EAAE/ RSGS	23-Feb-03	31-Dec-07	TA ongoing.
REG	INTER-REG	6176	Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operation	300,000	S. Tanaka	RSGS	14-Jul-04	29-Jun-07	NPRS \$300,000; TA delayed, downscaling of TA will be done to meet PRF deadline for closing of project by end December 2007.
REG	INTER-REG	6188	Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion	575,000	C. Vandenabeele	OGC w/ RDs	30-Sep-04	30-Sep-07	Amount increased from \$500,000 to \$575,000 on 26 Jul 2004 TA activities completed, for financial closing.
REG	INTER-REG	6248	Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups	550,000	F. Tornieri	RSGS	19-Jul-05	31-Dec-07	TA ongoing; pilot initiatives will be launched in early 2007.
REG	INTER-REG	6270	Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects	980,000	S. Tanaka	RSGS	23-Nov-05	30-Nov-08	TA ongoing.

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Attachment 1

Region	Country	TA No.	Project Title	PRF Contribution	Project Officer	Division	ADB Approval ^a	Financial Closing/ Expected completion date	Remarks
REG	INTER-REG	6278	Innovative Information and Communication Technology in Education and its Potential for Reducing Poverty in Asia and the Pacific	800,000	J. Sarvi	RSCG	02-Dec-05	31-Dec-07	TA ongoing
REG	INTER-REG	6308	Up-Scaling the Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	900,000	A. Weber	SANS	06-Mar-06	20-Dec-07	TA ongoing
	40		Sub-total	\$ 24,125,000					

C. Ongoing Projects (Critical TAs)

CWRD	PAK	4414	Non-Formal Primary Education and Functional Literacy for Rural Women in Selected Barani Areas of Punjab	400,000	I. Raza	PRM	13-Oct-04	31-Jan-08	Piggybacked to Loan 2134. Implementation of TA was transferred to PRM on 20 Jan 07.
CWRD	PAK	4602	Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans (GRAPs)	800,000	A. Afridi	PRM	24-Jun-05	4-Jun-08	Previous Project Officer: D. Porter/ S. Nicoll
CWRD	SUB-REG	6315	Remittance and Poverty in Central Asia and South Caucasus	1,000,000	B. Ganiev/B. Wilkinson	CWOC	07-Apr-06	31-Mar-08	Firm. VP concept provided in Aug. FF scheduled in Dec 2005. Processing for Jan 06.
CWRD	UZB	4820	Implementation and Monitoring of Policy Reforms in Uzbekistan's Agriculture Sector	600,000	L. Adriano	CWAE	24-Jul-06	31 Dec 08	Piggybacked to loan
SARD	NEP	4759	Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development	685,000	M. Mongiorgi/ L. Sharma	SANS	22-Dec-05	10-Jun-08	Reduction in scope needed due to shorten TA duration.
SARD	NEP	4776	Enabling the Private Sector to Undertake Poverty-Focused Water Distribution in Kathmandu Valley	570,000	Gyongshim An	SAUD	28-Mar-06	30-Jun-08	Reduction in scope needed due to shortening TA duration. Reduced amount from \$860,000 to \$570,000 and duration is now 15 months. Discussion held 2 Feb 2005. Additional \$150,000 from the TASF is provided.
SARD	SRI	4442	Psycho-social Health in Conflict-affected Areas	400,000	A. Weber	SANS	22-Nov-04	31-Mar-08	TA is delayed; major activity has yet to commence.
SERD	CAM	4755	Developing Deposit Services for Rural Cambodia	600,000	S. Tukuafu	SEGF	21-Dec-05	30-Jun-08	TA experienced unforeseen delays.
SERD	LAO	4392	Marketing Support of Organic Produce of Ethnic Minorities	600,000	M. Oka	SEAE	17-Sep-04	22-Jun-08	Previous Project Officer: M. de Alwis; for downsizing
SERD	LAO	4406	Capacity Building for Smallholder Livestock Systems in Lao PDR	550,000	M. Mitra	SEAE	11-Oct-04	30-Jun-08	Previous Project Officer: M. de Alwis; AT is ongoing, CIAT is implementing the activities quite well.
SERD	LAO	4434	Poverty Reduction Through Land Tenure Consolidation, Participatory Natural Resources Management and Local Communities Skills Building	974,300	M. Oka	SEAE	17-Nov-04	31 Jul 08 30 Jun 08	The change in TA amount from \$850,000 to \$974,300 was approved in 02 March 2005.
SERD	VIE	4480	Developing Agricultural Insurance in Viet Nam	600,000	J. Farinha	SEGF	15-Dec-04	30 Apr 08	TA ongoing; phase 1 of the project is done, phase 2 is to start very soon.
SERD	VIE	4679	Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance	650,000	Vo Truc Dien	VRM	31-Oct-05	30-Jun-08	TA is delayed. In view of the strategic importance of this TA, completion date was extended
SERD	VIE	4690	Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Local Stakeholders for Implementation of Son La Livelihood and Resettlement Plan	1,000,000	M. Sultana	SEID	14-Nov-05	30-Jun-08	Delayed, implementation is constrained by administrative issues related to TA fund management
SERD	VIE	4714	Air Pollution, Poverty and Health Effects in Ho Chi Minh City	600,000	N. Ikemoto	SEAE	05-Dec-05	31-May-08	As the starting date of this TA was only by last qtr of 2006, completion date was also extended
REG	INTER-REG	6088	Strengthening and Collection of Purchasing Power Parity Data in ADB DMCs	800,000	V. Saha	ERDI	14-Oct-04	31-Mar-08	TA ongoing. A poverty data review workshop is to be held in NEPAL on 26-28 March 2007..
REG	INTER-REG	6296	Developing Pro-Poor Governance Capability and Knowledge	875,000	R. Ahmad	RSCG w/ RDs	21-Dec-05	15-Jan-08	TA nearing completion.
	17		Sub total	11,704,300					
	88		Grand Total (PRF-HQ)	45,974,300					

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Region	Country	TA No.	Project Title	PRF Contribution	Project Officer	Division	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval ^a	Financial Closing/Expected TA completion date	Remarks
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PRF - PRC WINDOW

A. Completed and Financially closed projects

EARD	PRC	4200	Fund for Strategic Policy Conferences and Studies for Poverty Reduction	400,000	C. Spohr	PRCM	Aug-03	21-Oct-03	05-Feb-07	TA activities completed, financial closing, February 2007
EARD	PRC	4298	Capacity Strengthening of PRC's National Development Planning Process	360,000	A. Mathur	EAGF	Aug-03	15-Dec-03	12-Sep-05	Financially closed 12 Sept 2005
EARD	PRC	4222	Policy Study on Poverty Reduction Strategy-Trends, Challenges and Future Directions	150,000	L. Adriano	EAAE	Aug-03	20-Nov-03	22-Sep-05	Completed 30 June 05; Financial completion/closure 22 Sept 05; L. Adriano is now with CWAE.
EARD	PRC	4215	Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor	400,000	P. Wallum	EASS	Aug-03	13-Nov-03	13-Jul-06	TA activities completed; not yet financially closed FC: July 2006
EARD	PRC	4308	Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program	400,000	B. Carrad	EAAE	Aug-03	19-Dec-03	12-Sep-06	TACR, circulated for comments FC: Sept 2006
EARD	PRC	4322	Poverty Impact of Areawide Road Networks	1,000,000	K. Jraiw	EATC	Dec-02	30-Apr-04	11-May-07	This TA mainstreamed poverty in ADB and Government infrastructure projects. TA activities completed; financial closing, May 2007
EARD	PRC	4402	Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province	500,000	T. Oi	EAEN	Aug-03	05-Oct-04	19-Sep-06	April 2006 workshop, completed. Final report, submitted to the ADB FC: Sept 2006.
EARD	PRC	4680	Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring	300,000	T. Oi	EAEN	Aug-03	02-Nov-05	27-Aug-07	Final Workshop was held on 10 May 2007; final report submitted to ADB on 11 May 2007; for financial completion
EARD	PRC	4307	Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation Programs	400,000	B. Carrad	EAAE	Aug-03	19-Dec-03	31-Dec-07	TA supporting the first ever independent external evaluation of 6 massive forestry programs
	9		Sub-Total	3,910,000						

B. Completed but not financially closed projects

EARD	PRC	4401	Rural Income and Sustainable Development	900,000	Su Chin Teoh	EAAE	Aug-03	30-Sep-04	31-Mar-08	TA completion extended to Dec 2007
EARD	PRC	4430	Rural Finance Reforms and Development of Microfinance Institutions (Rural Credit Cooperatives Development)	1,000,000	Ying Qian	EAGF	2004	09-Nov-04	31-Dec-07	Ningxia AR launched bidding for microfinance institutions using TA 4430-developed model
EARD	PRC	4454	Developing a Poverty Monitoring System at a County Level	300,000	B. Sim	ERDI	Aug-03	01-Dec-04	31-Dec-07	Previous P.O. A. Asra (change effective July 06); TA nearing completion.
EARD	PRC	4566	Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shanxi Province	500,000	T. Oi	EAEN	Aug-03	15-Feb-05	31-Dec-07	Final Workshop was held in 10 March 2007; final report submitted to ADB in 23 March 2007; for financial completion
EARD	PRC	4649	Alternative Energy Supply for Rural Poor in Remote Areas	500,000	A. Bhargava	EAEN	Mar-05	21-Sep-05	31-Mar-08	Inception report received in Apr 06; Review Mission, 19-23 Dec 2006; TA completion extended to Apr 2007
EARD	PRC	4694	Urban Poverty Strategy Study II	300,000	Lan Wu	EASS	Aug-03	23-Nov-05	31-Dec-07	TA completion extended to Sept 2007
EARD	PRC	4933	Facility for Policy Reform and Poverty Reduction	65,000	C. Spohr	PRCM		28-May-07	30-Jun-09	Total TA amount, \$965,000. Initial orientation workshop for round 1 IAs held 22 June 2007; full utilization of DFID co financing of \$65,000 (to be liquidated first) is expected by Fall 2007.
	7		Sub-Total	3,565,000						

B. Ongoing Projects (critical TAs)

EARD	PRC	4142	Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Province	800,000	C. Bodart	EASS	Jul-02	14-Jul-03	30-Jun-08	linked to loan 2014: Western Yunnan Roads Devt Project
EARD	PRC	4580	NGO Government Partnerships in Village Level Poverty Alleviation	1,000,000	C. Spohr	PRCM	Jul-04	20-Apr-05	30-Jun-08	This TA mainstreamed NGOs in State-funded village poverty programs
	2		Subtotal	\$ 1,800,000						
	18		Grand Total (PRF-PRC)	\$ 9,275,000						

COMPLETED PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE PRF (Regional Program)

Region	Country	TA No.	Name of Project	Amount	Project Description	Project Status as of 31 December 2007 and their Preliminary Outcome
A. Completed and Financially closed Projects						
CWRD	PAK	4015	Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab	230,000	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.	Financial closing: August 2006 This TA produced a Poverty Focused Investment Strategy, district poverty assessment reports and reports on monitoring and evaluation systems and training needs assessments, all of which laid a very good basis for implementing resource management and development planning strategies in Punjab. The overall rating of this TA is successful. Component 1 provided a good situation analysis of development in key sectors, as well as recommendations on how to monitor developments in these sectors. In addition, the PFIS has prioritized the development needs of six key sectors for the first time in Punjab. Component 2 was successful in documenting the administrative processes related to fiscal management in Punjab and in initiating the process of budget making under the MTBF framework. It also provided a range of in-depth recommendations on key issues in taxation and procurement reforms.
CWRD	PAK	4277	Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	63,500	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.	TA activities, completed successfully on 31 January 2007; financial closing, 31 Oct 2007 TA output targets set in the TORs were achieved. Regular quarterly and annual reports on monitoring progress of the PRSP implementation were prepared. The reports had significant ownership by the Govt and were disseminated on the website of the Ministry of Finance. Deemed good quality, the reports were extensively used by the Govt as well as by development partners to track progress on PRSP targets. A poverty database was developed and operationalized together with a database of research on poverty issues. Through this TA, ADB was able to provide a good link between various public and private research institutions. Research results were shared in various academic fora and proved to be useful for policy dialogue, particularly for the consultations on PRSP-II. It also helped ADB to provide significant contributions to the preparation of the Medium Term Development Framework (MTDF 2005-2010) and the national MDG Report 2005. Various progress reports on the achievement of the MDGs were prepared and updated using latest data available.
CWRD	PAK	4319	Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan	580,000	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 completed outputs of this TA include: (1) thematic papers on (i) Rural Economy and Livelihoods; (ii) Social Structures in Rural Pakistan; (iii) Governance Impediments to pro-poor change in Pakistan; and (iv) Assessment of Interventions (2) a policy paper outlining the policy implications of the research findings with a matrix of policy recommendations (3) an assessment note on Balochistan (4) the study on Income Mobility in Rural Sindh (5) the final report on the "Impact of Global Cotton and Wheat Markets on Rural Poverty in Pakistan" (6) a poverty database The four thematic papers prepared under the TA as the main outputs are in the process of being printed and are currently being edited for content. TA activities, completed; financial closing, Oct 2007. TA account will be financially closed after payment of the last claim with the CTLA.
CWRD	TAJ	4598 PPTA	Rural Development Project	150,000	The TA will help the Government design an investment project to provide an integrated approach to agriculture and rural development.	TA activities completed; financial closing, Dec 2007.
EARD	MON	4632 PPTA	Urban Development Housing Project	250,000	The TA will prepare a project that will assist the Government to provide sustainable and affordable infrastructure and services for the urban poor; promote community participation in project preparation, implementation and post-project operation and maintenance activities; and improve urban planning and management and the capacity of government agencies to provide and operate urban services. The TA will carry out an assessment and, if necessary, prepare mitigation measures/plan and include in the project design.	TA implementation completed; financial closing, Aug 2007. Final report was submitted in May 2007; the ensuing grant project (of this TA) was approved in March 2007. The ensuing projects are designed to have multi-dimensional impacts on poverty reduction. While infrastructure is provided, the project will simultaneously (i) increase access to small loans for households and neighborhood improvements; (ii) create direct short-term employment for construction and direct short-term employment for construction and indirect long-term income generating opportunities; and (iii) empower poor residents in decision making process through the establishment of CBOs to plan and implement community infrastructure movement
PARD	SUB-REG	6061	Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis	50,000	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. Financially closed, 31 July 2005.

COMPLETED PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE PRF (Regional Program)

Region	Country	TA No.	Name of Project	Amount	Project Description	Project Status as of 31 December 2007 and their Preliminary Outcome
PARD	SUBREG	6175	Making Resource Allocation Pro-poor and Participatory in the Pacific	500,000	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.	TA activities, completed; financial closing, 24 Oct 2007. Implementation of the RETA did not exemplify efficient execution of assigned tasks and effective delivery of the expected outputs in total. Timely and regular submission of required reports and outputs from the consultants was a particular difficulty, with tardiness and repeated follow-up. Training was conducted and training materials were produced and tested with pilot communities in both countries. A thin report on regional practices and detailed scale-up plan was produced. The project met some success producing a report on regional practices training materials (outputs 1 and 2), assisting civil society organizations with engagement in resource allocation decisions (output 3) and producing a scale-up plan (output 5), but limited success with making government officials, elected officials and traditional leaders more aware and encouraged towards institutionalized participatory approaches (output 4). The TA is rated partly successful, as progress was made on providing the materials for NGOs and civil society to engage in resource allocation decision-making. There was also some limited engagement with government officials, elected officials and traditional leaders to encourage and institutionalize this approach.
SARD	BAN	4303	Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation	350,000	Institutional capacity building support for monitoring and analyzing poverty trends, and evaluation of national poverty reduction programs and efforts	Financial closing: Nov 2006. This TA has laid a solid framework for monitoring and evaluating progress in poverty reduction. Other donor agencies, in partnership with the Government have initiated interventions that build on TA 4303. These include strengthening M&E activities, improvement of poverty measurement techniques and skills training on poverty M&E. The TA can be rated as successful, as the main TA objectives were met and the TA was implemented in accordance with the TORs. The intervention was timely as it overlapped with the entire period of PRSP formulation in Bangladesh (2003-2005) and thus able to adjust to the evolving needs for M&E capacity building on a real time basis.
SARD	NEP	4353	Promoting Pro-poor and Gender Responsive Local Governance	200,000	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.	TA completed, financial closing, 15 July 2007. The TA improved the capacity and technical skills of partner NGOs and CBOs. There were positive impacts on gender and social inclusion in CBOs and income generation benefits of members through quick income generating schemes. The TA provided an opportunity for DWD and its field offices to practise new approaches for improving the livelihoods of poor and disadvantaged communities. The TA also served as a vehicle to further DWD's mandate to mainstream gender concerns in their operations by experimenting on useful tools and approaches that can be replicated nationwide. DWD also established institutional linkages with other departments and practised how to select target groups by applying a participatory wealth-ranking method. At the closure, the TA has achieved an estimated 80% of physical target as compared with the design framework. However, the remaining activities such as (i) gender mainstreaming training for government staff; (ii) study tours for NGOs and CBO; (iii) gender audit of Lamjung DDC; and (iv) payment to NGOs and CBOs will be financed under the associated Community Livestock Development Project and the Government's own resource. Slow progress in TA fund advance liquidation by the EA was the major reason for not accomplishing the above targeted works.
SARD	SRI	4110	Community Information Services for the Poor	800,000	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.	Financial closing: July 2006. The TA produced a good case study on the potential for expanding information service targeted to the poor. The TA outcomes are positive as the pilot testing of community information centers generated wider awareness of, and improved skills for, the use of ICT among the target groups. The outputs were also positive as the TA produced all required documentation and recommendations with respect to the potential for and challenges to, expanding information service targeted to the poor. The TA results were disseminated not only in Sri Lanka, but in the region through follow-up regional seminars. However, the TA's impact on institution building was limited, as the TA counterparts changed in the course of TA implementation due to change in Government.
SARD	SRI	4567	Sri Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies	500,000	Assistance in identifying detailed needs for the restoration and improvement of basic living conditions for people affected by the tsunami in coastal areas and for people affected by the conflict.	TA completed; financial closing, June 2007. TA completion report, completed. The implementation of the actual road rehabilitation has been slow, as ADB agreed to focus on the north and east; once security improves, other areas will be contracted out. The consultant worked and assisted in the implementation of a tsunami road project. The consultant assisted the RDA in the procurement relative to a \$50 million road package to rehabilitate roads destroyed and damaged by the tsunami. The TA was well-designed to meet the primary objective to assist in the Needs Assessment and prepare projects to rehabilitate structures damaged by the Tsunami and assist affected people in rebuilding their lives.
SERD	CAM	3947	Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women	400,000	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.	TA activities completed, Financial closing, March 2007. Final Report submitted to the ADB on 13 Sep 2006. The gender assessment done under this TA was used by many donor in the formulation of country strategies. Line Ministries have started to establish their own Gender Management Action Groups (GMAGs); The TA's approach to working with line ministries is being adapted by other projects in their work with line ministries.
SERD	CAM	3955	Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	78,500	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.	TA completed; financial closing, 30 Oct 2006. The poverty consultant assisted ADB-CARM to actively involve in the formulation process of the National Strategic Development Plan. The poverty consultant have likewise contributed to some project design in the formulation of the Country Strategy and Program, and some loan and technical assistance projects, ensuring that some project components could benefit most the poor.

COMPLETED PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE PRF (Regional Program)

Region	Country	TA No.	Name of Project	Amount	Project Description	Project Status as of 31 December 2007 and their Preliminary Outcome
SERD	CAM	4131	Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Garment Workers Affected by the Changing International Trade Environment	600,000	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.	Completed. Financial closing, March 2006. The TA produced 2 major outputs: Phase I - a comprehensive situation analysis of the garment industry and workers in the sector; and Phase II - two targeted pilots to address the key recommendations derived from Phase I analysis. They were respectively on: (1) Strengthening the Backbone of the Industry: the Employees; and (2) Promoting Understanding of the Labor Law. Phase I report was highly regarded by the Govt agencies, donor agencies and the private sector. Backed up by the results of two comprehensive socio-economic surveys of garment workers and the garment industry survey, Phase I report outlined a future strategy for the sector. Institutional building focused on strengthening the capacity of MOC and MOWA. In addition, a large number of training and capacity building activities were carried out, in particular under the two pilots.
SERD	CAM	4575	Developing Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development (C-BIRD)	150,000	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.	TA activities completed; financial closing, Oct 2007. A final report was prepared and submitted to the ADB. These outputs have been produced: 1. A memorandum of understanding between the Association of Banks in Cambodia, MRD and ADB was developed and signed by the concerned stakeholders to implement a C-BIRD type pilot project on the Business guidebook. The business guidebook is being developed, and will be printed in early January 2007, and the launching and disseminating will be in February. 2. An international consultant (team leader) is working closely with MRD in preparing the C-BIRD foundation, including the preparation of the C-BIRD Institution governance framework, business plan, marketing strategy and fund raising strategy. The CBIRD formulated four project concept papers: 1. Cotton growing project for textile production; 2. Garment remnant utilization project; 3. Business guidebook for rural communities with the Banker's Association; and 4. Positive partnerships of HIV AIDS positive and negative partners linked to microfinance with the Chamber of Commerce. The TA has contributed to multi-sectoral partnerships to promote business knowhow and the establishment of appropriate business activities owned and managed by rural communities. This represents a significant step to rural development and community empowerment. The TA has demonstrated that the private sector has a crucial role to play in reducing poverty among Cambodia's rural poor. The Association of Banks in Cambodia (ABC) had agreed to implement a CBIRD type project: business guide Book for Emerging Entrepreneurs through financing The establishment of CBIRD Foundation was taken under the project extension period from July 2006 to March 2007, which was requested by MRD. The Founda
SERD	LAO	4009	Social Protection in the Lao PDR: Issues and Options	150,000	Comprehensive country-level assessment of key social protection issues. It will also provide for potential programmatic options for the	Completed. Financial closing: 14 March 2005; Final report, submitted TA findings were used in ADB studies and Government reports.
SERD	LAO	4108	Integrating the Poor in Regional Trade through Standard-Setting for Private Sector Development (Phase 1)	150,000	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. Financial closing, 13 April 2005 TA 4108 paved the way for reforming the standards of Lao PDR's other sectors, thus enhancing competitiveness in other national and international markets. It has facilitated the establishment of relevant procedures for product standardization, in particular, in the Ministry of Handicraft (the former Ministry for Industry and Handicraft), and developed the upgraded institutional framework for the Standards Council. TA 4108 succeeded in identifying and analyzing poverty reduction mechanisms at each step of the supply chain and assessed the profitability of weaving in different locations in the country. Using this analysis, TA 4108 has established business models to assess and compare the impact of the proposed standards on poverty reduction across different regions of the Lao PDR.
SERD	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	250,000	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.	Completed; financial closing, 30 November 2007. A training plan was prepared and Government Officials in the provinces and target districts were trained in gender sensitive ethnographic research methods. They, along with the consultants carried out village and household surveys. The researchers lived among ethnic minority communities for the duration of field research, and undertook participatory research. The findings of the research were documented in a report. The reports produced by the project are of high quality. However, it has been found to have been partially effective in achieving its objective of influencing policy making and programming. It has been effective in training and sensitizing PAFO and DAFEO staff in participatory methods of development research, as well as in demonstrating to them the negative outcomes of sudden disruptions in ethnic economic systems an cultures. However, it has been less effective until now, in disseminating these messages widely through a program of training at various levels.
SERD	VIE	4028	Transport Services Networks for the Poor	350,000	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.	TA activities completed, financially closed, Aug 2006 The objectives of the TA have been achieved in developing a methodology for prioritizing transport investment from a network perspective and developing the requisite number of indicators. The study proposed a methodology of prioritizing transport investments from a network perspective to ensure that the poor benefit from rural road investments. The TA recommended that GIS mapping and databases be implemented at provincial levels as tools for transport planning and prioritization. Finally, the user-friendly program developed under the TA was tested in the two provinces where much interest was generated from provincial and district officials who found the developed program simple and relatively easy to use.
SERD	VIE	4205	Early Childhood Development for the Poor	450,000	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.	TA activities completed, financial closing, March 2007. The TA was the first initiative on ECD in the country and viewed as a flagship study that would lay the groundwork for future projects in the sector. The technical assistance supported the Government of Viet Nam in preparing detailed situation reports in the status of children which led to the preparation of the Government's first longterm strategy for ECD. TA 4205, as originally planned, has directly resulted in continuing operations in ECD. The Government is interested in testing grant-based targeted interventions to improve the development, health, and welfare of the poor children in Viet Nam. The World Bank has already started a grant-based project on ECD for ethnic minorities while ADB is currently exploring an opportunity for another pilot demonstration project.

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SERD	VIE	4252	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	73,000	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.	TA activities completed, financial closing, April 2007. The consultant has been fielded 20 Jun 04 and completed the work on 30 Dec 06. The main task is to support the Viet Nam Resident Mission in Poverty Reduction activities.
SERD	VIE	4453	Supporting the Preparation of the Law on Gender Equality	370,000	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.	TA implementation completed; financial closing, 11 Decemebr 2007. The main outputs of the TA were achieved. The Law on Gender Equality was passed on 29 Nov 2006 and the Prime Minister's Directive on the Implementation of the Law on Gender Equality was issued on 3 may 2007. Both have triggered the repeal of gender-biased and conflicting laws and regulations. A number of technical reports were also prepared to support tyhe drafting process. The TA is rated highly successful. It is also highly successful in supporting the capacity development of the Central Executive Committee of the VWU and the provincial VWU offices. The process raised awareness on gender equality and rights among the central government, line ministries, provincial governments and the general public.
SERD	SUB-REG	6118	Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Alleviation in the GMS Subregion (Phase 1)	150,000	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 activities completed, financial closing, June 2007. A major goal of RETA 6118 was to explore ways in which CSO involvement could move upstream to the conceptual stage of strategy and program formulation. An important component of this was for CSOs to provide inputs in preparing and implementing the GMS RCSP6 and the Country Strategy and Programs (CSPs) for the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) and Viet Nam. The preparation of the RCSP provided the backdrop for RETA 6118. It was substantially influenced by inputs from both the governments and CSOs that participated in the tripartite meetings and workshops. RETA 6118 also influenced planning and preparation of the new CSPs for Lao PDR and Viet Nam where CSP-initiating concepts were discussed with CSOs at country-level workshops.
REG	INTER-REG	6073	Developing Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB Operations in Reducing Poverty	600,000	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.	TA activities completed, TA completion report is being finalized; financial closing, March 2006 Overall, the TA developed four analytical tools representative to slected countries that can be replicated to other DMCs. The tools were: (i) Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) models; (ii) Poverty Predictor Models (PPM); (iii) Poverty Predictor pilot suirveys (PS); and (iv) a poverty Reduction Integrated Simulation Model (PRISM). In addition, the TA also established a comprehensive depository of data sets and models in ERD as well as a network of modelers. the tools have nade policy dialogue, poverty analysis and impact assessment more meaningful by providing better information on how policy changes affect the entire economy and the poor. ADB and DMCs will benefit from the TA in two ways. First, the tools are designed to evaluate poverty impact of policies/projects that can be replicated and expanded to different sectors to help in choosing the best policy. Second, the tools can also be used to help in formulating the strategies for DMCs and ADB, so that resources are targeted towards the neediest.
REG	INTER-REG	6109	NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction	1,000,000	Umbrella fund to a limited 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	TA activities completed; financial closing, June 2007. The TA is rated as successful. Despite variable performance across individual projects, it is clear that the small grants to NGOs have contributed to improving thousands of lives of poor people for a relatively small sum, while improving ADB's relations with operational NGOs at community and national level. The TA has had a positive impact on increasing ADB's capacity to engage with NGOs. Early linkages have been createdbetween newly established ADB RMs 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 energed. The TA thus had an impact in building the capacity of NGOs to promote better collaboration with governments.
REG	INTER-REG	6120	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	300,000	Develop social protection index to enable monitoring of policies and programs implementation related to the sector.	The project was completed successfully. All TOR elements were delivered in time and in good quality. Financial closing, Sept. 2006. 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. The TA resulted in the creation of a robust methodology for : (i) defining social protection in each country; (ii) gathering data on target populations and the benefits of social protection following a uniform structure; and (iii) gathering basic data to calculate a SPI for inter-country comparisons and achievement monitoring. Government representatives and experts endorsed the SPI and its methodology as a valuable tool for assessing social protection achievements. For the SPI to gain broader acceptance, it would need to cover all regional member countries. The completion date of the TA was delayed by more than 1 year. This was due to the fact that the TA timeframe did not take into account that a significant amount of time was needed for editing and publishing the TA results of this size. ADB staff contributed to reduce the delay.
REG	INTER-REG	6130	Study of Urban Violence in the Public Realm: Towards Safer Cities (CAM/BAN)	150,000	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.	TA activities completed; financial closing, July 2006 The surveys conducted under the regional TA revealed that a general feeling of insecurity prevails in the open/public spaces of Phnom Penh and Dhaka. Crime and violence hotspots in the two cities share common traits: dimly lit, low police visibility, conducive to illegal activities (e.g., drug trade, illegal gambling, and prostitution), their locations within or adjacent to slum areas also contributes to fear of crime. The perceived causes of urban crimes are many and interrelated; however, the root causes stem from poverty, dense living conditions, unemployment, and inability of the government to provide adequate security measures to the general public.

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REG	INTER-REG	6170	Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local Pro-Poor Budgets	400,000	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.	TA activities completed; financial closing, Dec 2007. Final Report submitted by consultants. Publication documenting the project's experience completed. Translated publication printed and distributed to INO and PAK. RETA extended until May 2007 to accommodate book launching. The TA is extended until 28 Feb 2007 to accommodate the cost of publication and the book launch ceremony to be attended by the DMC officials.
REG	INTER-REG	6224	Pilot Testing Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services	550,000	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.	TA activities completed; financial closing, Dec 2007. The RETA introduced the Methodology for Participatory Assessments (MPA) for planning, monitoring and evaluating RWSS projects to enhance and account for sustainable and effective water supply and sanitation (WSS) interventions. Pilot testing the use of MPA in Sri Lanka and Viet Nam was designed to promote specific measures of design and implementation that take better account of participation, demand, gender and poverty perspectives. Lessons learned will support ADB's efforts in other countries to improve access to and management of RWSS and the empowerment of the poor communities, especially their women. The TA paved a way for a fully, more substantive involvement of the poor in water management. Through the TA, communities were enabled to make their own observations and analysis and contribute towards the improvements of their projects. By using simple appraisal techniques, the communities were able to provide a broad range of data and factors that are key to project sustainability. The TA was also an opportunity for sector professionals to build their skills and experience in participatory development which will benefit future sector improvements. The method used was flexible enough to allow modifications to suit local co
REG	INTER-REG	6284	Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanisms	150,000	This regional small scale TA will expand the use of Catastrophe Risk Insurance to reduce the fiscal and economic volatility and social impact arising from natural disasters by assisting ADB and DMC decision makers to develop suitable policies, mechanisms and schemes for: (i) pre-funding the reconstruction of public and private assets in DMCs; (ii) facilitating the transfer of financial risks associated with natural perils from the Government and households/private businesses to domestic and international insurance and capital markets; and (iii) introducing related insurance coverage for lower income groups.	TA activities completed; financial closing, Dec 2007. A draft final report (May 2007) was submitted and being circulated for comments of the ADB Disaster Risk Working Group
REG	INTER-REG	6316	Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative	150,000	Pilot testing of a digital satellite broadcasting technology that will air programs intended to increase knowledge of ethnic minority groups in the GMS on HIV/AIDS to reduce their vulnerability and risks.	TA activities completed; financial closing, Sep 2007. While the radio dramas produced by UNESCO and UNICEF were of high quality, broadcasting these dramas are clearly insufficient in themselves to achieve a long-term impact. Other accompanying activities -- such as condom, distribution and health and hygiene education -- would be required to produce sustained and meaningful results. The listening group model introduced in the pilot was extremely important -- as it allowed community participation and discussions to analyze and distill the information received and relate it to communities' own experience. The pilot demonstrated that broadcasting via satellite has the potential of reaching vast numbers of villagers receiving the same messages at the same time, which provides an economy of means compared to village to village awareness raising mechanism.
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B. Completed but not Financially closed Projects						
CWRD	AFG	4461	Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development*	750,000	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.	Completed. For financial closing. The uncommitted fund, which amount to \$69,738 cannot be utilized further. Based on the ADB pilot project for solar and wind hybrid power system in Panjsher Province, USAID is developing a 100 kwh wind energy project at the same location for the government offices located in Panjsher Province. Capacity building at the community level to install, maintain and service rural solar energy systems is developed and training is ongoing to maintain, operate and service micro hydro power system.
CWRD	AFG	4541	Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection Project/Alleviation of Poverty in Buffer Zone of Protected Areas*	810,000	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 has been suspended and can be regarded as completed, as no further implementation will be considered. Afghanistan's Ecotourism and National Tourism Development Strategies were prepared; as well as the Social and Gender Strategy for Protected Areas and the Land Use Management Plan for Bandi-Amir Protected Area. As part of Enhanced Institutional Capacity for Protected Area Management, Govt Staff underwent trainings in protected area management. Training has also been scheduled at the National Trust for Nature Conservation for govt officials involved in Natural Resources Managements (protected areas and ecotourism). The Dept of Natural Resources and Afghan Tourism organization were also equipped with computers and other office equipment.
CWRD	PAK	4537	Implementing the Police Safety Reforms in Four Districts of Punjab Province	950,000	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 implementation completed. TA Final report expected in January 2008 and financial closing with the first quarter of 2008. The project has served as an impetus for police and justice sector reforms in Punjab province. Given the remaining project duration during the latter half of 2007 the project team conducted extensive field consultations, which resulted in a Capacity Building Plan (CBP) to achieve project targets. A Consultant Hiring Plan (CHP) has also been developed to implement the CBP, keeping in view the project constraints such as remaining duration, availability of requisite expertise and coordination among key players.
CWRD	KGZ	4405	Study on Pricing Systems and Cost Recovery Mechanisms for Irrigation	300,000	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.	TA activities completed; for financial closing.
CWRD	KGZ	4408	A Study of Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction and Environment	530,000	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.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. The 2nd draft final report was received on 3 January 2007 and is currently being reviewed. The report is planned to be published. The TA has important results for the issue of cost recovery and pricing of water delivery. IT has identified difference regionally within Kyrgyzstan. However, its relevance in terms of methodology and findings can extend to other Central Asian countries as well.
CWRD	TAJ	4423	Development of Community Based Micro-Hydropower Supply in Remote Rural Areas	800,000	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.	TA activities, completed; for financial closing. Both Kalandak and Dushohazamin MHPP have been completed and commissioning of the plants took place on 27 June 2007.* Installation works for related electrical and mechanical equipment were completed in April 2007. These two schemes will supply electricity to four villages, and will be owned, operated and maintained eventually by Electricity Users Association, a community based organization legally formed and registered by the Ministry of Justice of Tajikistan. A workshop to discuss sustainability of the Project was held in late April 2007. On the job training of the operators of the MHPPs was carried out over the period May - June 2007, during the equipment installation.

* See attached Addendum.

** This information was later corrected as "MHPPs completed in Sept 2007 and Dushohazamin MHPP has not begun full scale operation due to insufficient water because of an exceptionally dry year in 2007.

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CWRD	TAJ	4664	Farm Analysis and Awareness Raising for Debt Resolution	800,000	The TA will assist the Government's Independent Commission (IC) in pilot-testing debt resolution methodology for heavily indebted cotton farms, and in finalizing the methodology and farm database required by the IC to implement the action plan.	TA implementation, completed; for financial closing. Findings of review were that farm by farm analysis was not possible due to poor and incomplete farm records. Work is under way to provide alternative, creditor-related commercial work-out arrangements. Work on legal, sociological, management and financial and agronomic circumstances of 21 pilot farms nationwide is underway to provide recommendations to support effective farm debt resolution and prevent recurrence of debt overhangs.
PARD	RMI	4653	Increasing Ownership and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management and Disposal	300,000	The TA will help determine the viability of a proposed loan to improve management and disposal of urban solid waste in RMI. It will promote public awareness and ownership of urban waste management, improve institutional arrangements for urban waste management, and design a sustainable solution to urban waste management.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. Final Report submitted. Meanwhile, TCR has been circulated for interdepartmental comments and awaiting finalization upon financial closing and full payment of pending claims The TA succeeded in resolving key institutional constraints to improved urban atoll waste management through by helping stakeholders to agree to the establishment of the Majuro Atoll Waste Company. The TA also succeeded in securing stakeholder support for new systems of waste collection and waste treatment. The new system of waste collection is being put in place with the pilot projects.
PARD	SUB-REG	6157	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	400,000	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.	Cofinanced by TASF and NPRS. Reallocation of funds by funding source was done, to maximize the utilization of NPRS/PRF funds. TA activities already completed. Financial closing needed soon.
PARD	SUB-REG	6245	Strengthening the Pro-poor Policies in the Pacific	925,000	Strengthening of the capacity of national systems and organizations to implement pro-poor reforms	A report on the Pacific Capacity Development Scoping Study prepared by consultant (J. Bolger) was submitted; The drafts of 12 Pacific DMC economic and social updates are in different stages of preparation -- from being circulated for comments to proofreading. The PIERs for RMI and FSM are now completed, publication of which is now available in the ADB website; the PIER for Tuvalu is now being printed. This TA helps formulate case studies and workshop assessment of Pacific successes in pro-poor capacity development. A Pacific Island Consultants' CD Case Study Writeshop was held on 9-13 April 2007. Eight of the programmed 22 case studies are now largely completed. Cofinanced by Ausaid. CTL needs to agree with Project Officer (PO) on what claim should be the last one to be charged to the PRF. Ongoing. Multi-donor funded TA. PRF portion will be disbursed within this year.
SARD	BAN	4320	Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector in the Context of Changing Trade Environment	420,000	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.	TA activities completed; for financial completion. The final stakeholders' workshop was held 10 Dec 2007 at the Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka. The representatives of Adam Smith Int'l (ASI - implementing technical agency of the TA) presented the findings, experience, lessons and recommendations from the TA. The TA's final report - submitted. In response to a project proposal submitted by the Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs, GTZ, in principle, agreed to provide support (Tk 59 Lakh) for skills development for a period of one year starting from January 2008 in Mirpur area. GTZ may also be supporting the 2nd phase of the project. BGMEA informed of an ongoing project with DFID for skills development and that the World Bank funded Social Development Foundation will provide assistance towards skills upgrade.
SARD	BAN	4707	Participation of Urban Poor in Municipal Governance	480,000	This TA shall establish institutional mechanisms increasing the poor's access to decision-making processes and develop participatory pro-poor planning and monitoring systems.	Due to political turmoil prevailing in Bangladesh from middle of October 2006 to January 2007, some TA activities are behind schedule and have now been clustered for completion within the next 6 mos: (a) baseline survey report based on collected data; (b) need assessments for selected slum settlements; (c) Devt plans for 15 municipalities through municipal fora; (d) review of the present rules and procedures for establishment of Town Level Coordination Committees and Ward Committees; (e) formation of Municipal Fora; (f) preparation and implementation of citizen report cards in 5 municipalities. A work plan for finalization of these tasks was prepared during the review mission conducted from 26 - 30 March 2007. The TA amount is fully committed and closing on 28 Jan 2008. The Project Officer also committed that all TA activities will be completed by end December 2007.
SARD	BAN	4740 PPTA	Second Command Area Development	350,000	Feasibility study of three or four schemes selected from the nine large irrigation schemes recommended by the government, to prepare an investment proposal.	PRF fund is fully disbursed. TA activities completed; for financial closing. Cofinanced by JSF. CTL needs to agree with the Project Officer (PO) on what claims should be the last one to be charged to the PRF. Ongoing. While there are problems in implementation (due to last minute replacement of consultants), the Project officer is firm on getting the TA close on time (no extension). PRF funds is almost fully-disbursed. The project officer also committed that the PRF part of project fund will be fully disbursed by end December 2007. A minor change in implementation arrangement was approved on 24 Dec 2007 to include two international consultants, an Institutional Adviser and Agricultural Economist, to assist in the last phase of Project implementation. Duration of both engagements is from Feb to Apr 2008. Likewise, a request for extension of TA completion date to 31 Mar 2010 was approved on 15 Jan 2008 due to the change in the loan processing schedule which was rescheduled for 2010. The extension will allow TASU to update the feasibility studies, the water sector review and projects costs prior to the preparation of the project RRP.

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SARD	NEP	4754 PPTA	Education Sector Development 1	150,000	Assistance to the Government to prepare the Education Sector Development Program I (ESDP I) that will help develop a holistic approach to the public school education system to improve its efficiency and performance. The TA will provide a mechanism for all interested development partners to join the policy and program development process from the earliest stage	Co-financed by TASF. TA is already completed. Financial closing needed ASAP.
SARD	NEP	4774	Economic and Social Inclusions of the Disadvantaged Poor through Micro-Irrigation and Other Livelihood Enhancement	450,000	The TA shall develop and demonstrate effective private sector delivery mechanisms of low-cost micro-irrigation kits and crop marketing chains targeting the socially and economically excluded groups including ethnic minorities and occupational castes, following a model developed for less poor smallholders. This TA will also document delivery models and methodologies for micro-irrigation interventions in Nepal.	Ta implementation under the PRF has been completed and the final report was submitted mid December 2007. A mid-term review meeting was carried out on 22 April 2007. There are encouraging initial impact on income (NRs 5,000 initial income by end of project as against the target of NRs 3,000). A total of 127 groups formed consisting over 90% female members. Social awareness among group members increased. High value vegetable cultivation practice has started. Technical knowledge on MIT and vegetable farming has increased. The Project activities are continuing with own Government funding and from international NGOs.
SARD	NEP	4760	Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of Road Projects	350,000	The poverty intervention concept is still new in the transport sector agencies, especially in the Department of Roads (DOR), lacking clear guidelines, systems, and staff with skills necessary to address poverty issues in its operations. This TA will support the Government implement a pilot project and develop DOR's capacity to enhance direct poverty reduction impacts of road projects.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. Workshops to discuss the draft interim guidelines have been completed; preparation of the final version is ongoing. A total of 748 households (HH) are identified as beneficiary HH of which 594 were enrolled for training; 458 completed training and 369 have started income generation activities. The impact assessment survey of sampled project HH is ongoing and final report will be submitted by 31 August 2007.
SARD	SRI	4761	Microinsurance Sector Development	600,000	The TA will assist the Government in drawing up an integrated framework for the development of the microinsurance sector through favorable policies and sector-wide institutional capacity building. Through a policy study, market assessment and a pilot of a microinsurance scheme, this TA will improve access of the poor and low-income households in Sri Lanka, to affordable life and general insurance products, especially in conflict- and tsunami-affected areas.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. The TA produced expected outputs including legal review and market assessment reports and the pilot microinsurance scheme was launched in August 2007 in four selected conflict and Tsunami affected districts with the partnership of a private insurance company and microfinance NGO. The uptake of the pilot microinsurance product is improving and the scheme is now internalized as the participating institutions' new business. The TA also organized an international conference on microinsurance sector development on 28-29 June 2007 in Colombo, participated in by more than 200 people from the Government, insurance companies, microfinance institutions, academics, donors and media. The TA's outcome is considered successful. This TA is the first project on microinsurance at ADB. It successfully addressed the risk mitigation needs of the poor and low income households in Sri Lanka and initiated a microinsurance scheme, which rarely existed before the TA. The TA generated interest, motivation and commitment about microinsurance among the Government, insurance industry and microfinance sector. After this TA, several insurance companies start initiating insurance service activities targeted
SARD	SUBREG	6306	Mainstreaming MfDR in Support of Poverty Reduction	1,800,000	This regional TA is a pilot initiative that will strengthen the capacity of developing member countries (DMCs) and Resident Missions (RMs), in applying results-oriented approaches to poverty-reduction through the implementation of the managing for development results (MfDR) approach. The TA will be implemented through a systematic process of transfer of knowledge, pursuing new approaches and supporting development of country-specific systems for planning, strategy development, resource allocation and accountability of development resources.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. The initial set of outputs of the RETA, as approved by the Board, was defined as (i) MfDR readiness assessments; (ii) MfDR strategy and implementation plans, and (iii) MfDR mainstreamed under ADB-financed pilot initiatives. Early in the implementation of the RETA, inception meetings with government officials and members of ADB RMs indicated that further outputs would be required to meet the overall objectives. In most cases, the ideas and suggestions provided were incorporated into the work plan. In summary, the additional outputs were: (i) a comprehensive readiness assessment tool; (ii) capacity building plans for 10-14 organizations across three countries; (iii) improvements in capacity in the government organizations and in the RMs; (iv) strategy and implementation plans for a possible Phase II; (v) the development of a model for MfDR change flexible enough to accommodate differences in organization type, country culture, etc. (vi) development of a regional consulting team for MfDR implementation; (vii) activities harmonization and rationalization with other activities in the field; and (viii) development of a management strategy details on the above outputs, key learnings from the RETA as well as recommendations on the way forward are now being documented into the RETA's Final Report

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SERD	CAM	4283	Participatory Poverty Study of the Tonle Sap Basin	425,000	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.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. Pilot and actual fieldwork had been completed and the Final Comprehensive Report is being finalized; Village level reports were also completed. Provincial roundtables are conducted and results were published. A major highlight of the project is the significant level of achievement in terms of the following: (a) collaboration with the World Bank in mainstreaming participatory methodologies; and (b) the degree of participation by civil society-including members of rural communities within the Tonle Sap Basin- in the development of the TA. A sense of stakeholdership has been developed among the various cooperators and as a result, the progress and future development of the TA will be keenly observed and participated in by these cooperators.
SERD	CAM	4376	Capacity Building for the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative	500,000	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.	TA implementation, completed. For financial closing. Final report was submitted by CBNRM-LI and final payment was released. Financial closure of the project will be done by 31 March 2008. Under Skills and Awareness Building, a total of five training modules have been prepared (Natural Resources Management and Planning; Leadership and Community Organization; Networking and Partnership Building; Project Management; Report and Proposal Writing and Law Awareness). Pre-testing of the modules was undertaken in Battambang. The modules were improved based on the pre-testing activities. The Tonle Sap Initiative Learning Resource center is complete. The center is a visible focal point in CDRI's library.
SERD	CAM	4574	Community Self-Reliance and Flood Risk Reduction	500,000	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.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. A final national workshop was held in Phnom Penh on 6 April 2007 and the Final Report submitted to ADB on 19 December 2007.
SERD	CAM	4777	Dormitories and Learning Centers for Secondary School Girls	800,000	To improve equity and reduce access barriers to secondary education for poor girls, the TA will pilot residential and learning facilities for girls in 3 schools (selected based on coverage area of students, number of female students and commitment of school director to implement the pilot) under the ESDP II in the provinces of Kampong Thom, Siem Reap and Preah Vihear.	TA implementation, completed. For financial closing. The overall implementation process is fully satisfactory. The three residential facilities are operational and accommodate a total of 230 female students. All students receive a scholarship of \$90 per year. The management of residential facilities and security of schoolgirls has been organized in all schools. While teachers and staff from the provincial education departments have been trained as trainers on basic computer skills, further training would be beneficial. The inadequate operational budget in two of the three schools resulted partly in a limited utilization of computer laboratories. However, MOEYS provided additional budget to cover the increased electricity costs. The TA identified important lessons learned with regard to managing and financing residential facilities in provincial high schools, which should be considered in the design and implementation of future secondary education projects.
SERD	LAO	4787	Revitalizing Community Demand for Immunization	140,000	This SSTA will support the Government of Lao PDR in developing new approaches to improving demand for immunization. Specifically, this will examine the demand aspects of immunization and conduct issues-oriented studies. This intends to improve child immunization coverage in poor rural areas of Lao PDR and increase community demand for immunization.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. Consultant's report -- done, and is being reviewed within SESS.
SERD	VIE	4276	Developing Social Security System in Viet Nam	750,000	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.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. The TA helped in developing the Social Security Law for Viet Nam, supported by the surveys that were conducted under the TA. It also provided a road map for Viet Nam Social Security to improve the parametric design, administration, accounting and the investment practices of the schemes so as to assure its long term sustainability.
SERD	VIE	4331	Support for Pro-poor Health Policies in Viet Nam	550,000	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.	TA implementation is completed. For financial closing. Generally, there was a lot of interest in the study findings and a lot of very good feedback on the quality of the work done. A two month (no-cost) extension of the TA completion date (from June 2007 to August 2007) was requested by the MOH in order to see the software pilot trial and installation to be completed in Lam Dong Province. The results of the impact evaluation and software development with associated training were submitted to all stakeholders. TA has been considered highly successful with outputs highly appreciated by government and partners in Viet Nam. TCR will be completed by end of Q2 2008.

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SERD	VIE	4638	Implementing the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Microfinance	250,000	This TA will assist the Government to implement, monitor, and review the regulatory and supervisory framework embodied in Decree 28/2005/ND-CP on the Organization and Operation of Microfinance Institutions in Viet Nam. Among others, this will revise the supervisory manuals and procedures to consistent with the decree, and conduct participatory workshops with key stakeholders including mass organizations and international development agencies.	TA implementation completed; for financial closing. The original closing date was Sept 2006, and later extended to May 2007. This TA is extended again to December 2007 without consulting the NPRS-PRF Secretariat. The project Officer is confident that this TA will be completed by end December 2007.
SERD	VIE	4689	Benefits Sharing Mechanisms for People Adversely Affected by Power Generation Projects in Viet Nam	150,000	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.	TA implementation completed; for financial closing. The project officer informed that all existing contracts under this TA will be fully disbursed by 31 Dec 2007; and assured that TA will be completed by then. However, this TA and contracts will be kept open as the TA will be extended with additional funding from Water Financing Partnership Facility. The consultants contracts will be amended with additional tasks once the funding has been approved. This SSTA was noted as great investment, given its success and its implication not only for power projects, but also tollway projects. The LAO Cai project for 2007 would be too late, so such an approach to road projects will be tried out for 2008. It was agreed that this TA should be considered as a possible case study, and a potential addition to the 'Pro-poor infrastructure' thematic paper.
SERD	SUBREG	6113	Making Markets Work Better for the Poor	385,000	This TA shall develop markets through research, policy dialogue and capacity building to promote sustainable pro-poor economic growth and more equitable distribution of its benefits to accelerate poverty reduction. The additional PRF funding shall increase the depth of research studies undertaken, include a modest amount of new study activities, and to increase the effectiveness of information dissemination, policy discussion and impact of the project.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. The project commenced in Oct 2003, and was scheduled to complete at end 2006, but was extended until end of 2007 in order to complete ongoing work and publications and to ensure good preparation for, and smooth transition to the 2nd phase of the project - which will commence in January 2008.
SERD	SUB-REG	6115	Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry	800,000	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.	TA is completed; for financial closing. Final report submitted. RETA 6115's studies present some significant insights that would help redesign and make natural resource management in the Mekong, particularly its forest management schemes, more relevant to poverty reduction. They do this in part by emphasizing what the poor living in these areas have long argued; that interventions must take account of the fact that women do not have legal rights to the land they farm, for instance; that well-preserved forests provide an invaluable safety net that can cushion the impacts of economic hardships; and that past forestry policies have restricted the poor's access to forest resources without offering a viable livelihood alternative.
SERD	SUB REG	6247	HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups through Communications Strategies	700,000	A pilot project that aims to halt and reverse the spread of AIDS by 2015 through the adoption of communication strategies	All activities funded by the TA have been completed, with the exception of the Khmu ethnic language drama and the final publication. The final TA workshop to discuss the draft final report was held in Phnom Penh in Cambodia on 29 Nov 2007. The M&E report was completed in Dec 2007. The ADB/UNESCO publication on Ethnic Groups at Risk has been slightly delayed due to a delay in submissions. The publication is near completion and is planned for editing and publication by January 2008. It is expected that the publication will be released in March 2008.
SERD	SUB-REG	6243	Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities in the GMS	750,000	Develop strategies for malaria control for poor ethnic minorities living in malaria-prone location in the GMS	TA implementation completed; for financial closing. The final report (Mid Term Report in the contract with WHO) has been submitted. Final review mission will be held on 26-31 Oct 2007. Final TA Review Mission was held in Cambodia, from 28 Oct - 1 Nov 2007. Overall implementation is satisfactory. The TA was successful in building capacity of national and local health staff in evidence-based planning for malaria prevention and control and of village health workers and volunteers in malaria diagnosis, treatment and health education. Out of the six countries, three countries (China, Viet Nam and Thailand) utilized the experience gained in their applications for the Global Fund to Fight Aids, Malaria and Tuberculosis.
SERD	SUB REG	6289	GMS: Core Environment Program and the Biodiversity Conservation initiatives	550,000	This TA aims to enhance the environmental sustainability and social equity of the GMS economic cooperation program by providing technical, operational, and financial support to upgrade the environmental management capability in the GMS	Co financed by TASF, Swedish TA Grant Fund, and Netherlands TA grant Fund -- Multi-donor TA. The entire RETA will go on till 31 Dec 2009, but the PRF PRF portion is completed by 31 Dec 2007. Three Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs), one in each of the three sectors of focus (energy, transport and tourism), are underway. Baseline data on socioeconomic and biodiversity status in all six targeted biodiversity pilot site communities has been collated and livelihood improvement interventions are underway. National Support Units are operational in five GMS countries.

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SERD	SUB-REG	6190	Preventing the Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in the GMS	700,000	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 has been completed and the final report submitted early January 2008. The research outputs was presented and disseminated during the regional workshop held in ADB HQ in July of 2007.
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)	905,000	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.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. Final reports, submitted.
REG	INTER-REG	6176	Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operations	300,000	Capacity building on participatory pro-poor policy/strategy development and project planning and M&E. Teams comprising ADB-Consultant-Government-NGOs will be assisted.	TA activities completed; for financial closing.
REG	INTER-REG	6188	Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion	575,000	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.	Consultants' draft overview report has been submitted to ADB, and this was disseminated for comments and suggestions to participants of the RETA regional workshop held last 6-7 December in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Around fifty participants attended the two-day event. Clearance for the brief country reports are being obtained from the participating countries. TA activities completed; for financial closing. A seminar on this RETA was held on 8 June 2007 at the ADB Headquarters, which discussed the TA results and its significance to ADB operations.
REG	INTER-REG	6248	Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups	550,000	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. This RETA will also disseminate practical lessons learned for use by ADB staff, governments, NGOs and funding agencies.	TA activities completed; for financial closing. The pilot projects have been successfully implemented. The results were presented at the regional conference at ADB Headquarters on 13-14 Dec 2007. The Final Report is now being finalized.
REG	INTER-REG	6270	Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-poor Policies and Projects	980,000	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	TA implementation completed; for financial closing. A great number of case studies have already been developed -- 23 have been finalized and published; 10 are in various stages of review and clearance. Ten draft in-depth case studies produced are in various stages of review. Preliminary working drafts of thematic synthesis papers were produced by the consultants.
REG	INTER-REG	6278	Innovative Information and Communication Technology in Education and its Potential for Reducing Poverty in Asia and the Pacific	800,000	This TA will conduct policy and strategy studies and pilot on ICT and e-learning innovations to support development of broader ICT in education frameworks, as well as specific pilot studies on ICT and e-learning innovations, for improving access to and quality of education among disadvantaged communities in the developing member countries (DMC).	TA activities completed. This TA's culminating activity was the International Conference on ICT, held at ADB, 16-18 October 2007. Documentation of the proceedings of the workshop is currently being done, including the TA final report. For financial closing.

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REG	INTER-REG	6308	Up scaling the Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	900,000	This regional TA will expand the social protection index (SPI) for committed poverty reduction strategy to all other ADB developing member countries, based on the successful pilot project that initially covered six countries, with the similar title (RETA 6120). The pilot TA resulted in the creation of a methodology for calculating a social protection index (SPI), which permits both inter-country comparisons and the monitoring of a country's social protection activities over time.	TA implementation, completed. The Social Protection Index conference was held on 11-12 Dec 2007 in Seoul, Korea. Final claims of consultants would be filed by 29 February 2008 to facilitate processing of TA account closure.
		40	Sub total	24,125,000		
		71	TOTAL	34,270,000		

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C. Ongoing Projects ("Critical" TAs)									
CWRD	PAK	4602	Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans (GRAPs)	800,000	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.	TA implementation, ongoing. The Country Gender Assessment is being conducted under the TA. Due to poor performance, the contract of firm hired for implementation of TA was terminated. Consequently, four long term domestic, one international and two short term domestic consultants are on board while cases of three domestic consultants is in procurement pipeline.	A large amount of TA resources have been earmarked for Gender and Governance Resource pools for financing small sub-projects. However, as per the TA paper, these projects shall be implemented through firms. Given the lengthy and time consuming process involved in hiring a firm, it may not be possible to implement the TA fully by TA end date. Some flexible arrangements are required to enhance the implementation of the TA.	The consultancy procurement method was changed from firm to individual consultants. Currently, eight long-term domestic consultants are on-board, who are providing technical support to the Decentralization Support Program (DSP) and Access to Justice Program (AJP) in integrating Gender in the ongoing activities in the Program. In addition, a review of select governmental policies from a Gender perspective is also being undertaken. The Country Gender Assessment is in final stages and will be completed in	All of the TA resources have been programmed in two work plans. However, these work plans cannot be completed in the current timeframe allowed for the TA due to lengthy recruitment and procurement processes involved. Keeping in view of the above fact, the Govt of Pakistan has formally requested the no cost extension of the TA. The request is presently being discussed between the ADB, the Govt of Pakistan and CIDA.
CWRD	PAK	4414	Non-formal Primary Education and Functional Literacy for Rural Women in Selected Barani Areas of Punjab	400,000	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, Pakistan)			TA implementation almost completed. Final workshop planned for 1st week of January 2008 and submission of consultant report within January 2008. Financial closing will be within the first quarter of 2008. The NGO consultant, Society for Promoting Education, health and Environment (SPEHE) was terminated in July 2006. This was replaced by the ABES, who commenced services in January 2007.	
CWRD	UZB	4820	Implementation and Monitoring of Policy in Uzbekistan's Agriculture Sector	600,000	Piggybacked to the Land Improvement Project in Uzbekistan, this TA will (i) facilitate the implementation of the reform package agreed under the Project; (ii) raise the awareness of local government and rural communities regarding the implemented reforms; (iii) monitor their impacts on Government revenues and expenditures and on rural livelihood and poverty, in a transparent and participatory manner; and (iv) propose measures for improving reform effectiveness.	TA is now being implemented. Contract negotiations with the consultants have been completed; Consultants were fielded on 15 June 2007.		An inception mission was fielded 8-13 August 2007. The consultants (ScanAgri) that were fielded in Jun 15 submitted an inception report on 30 Sep 2007. There is difficulty in ensuring cooperation of the MOE and MOF for data that are essential for the taxation study. Additional mission of team leader to Tashkent to discuss data issues with MOE, the EA and if necessary, to seek URM assistance to facilitate communication.	Disbursement has accelerated after changes in project officers of ScanAgri had been implemented and in response to ADB's persistent request for them to improve their level of administrative efficiency.

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CWRD	SUB REG	6315	Remittance and Poverty in Central Asia and South Caucasus	1,000,000	This TA is a study on remittances in Central Asia and South Caucasus, more specifically the countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan	TA implementation is ongoing. At the completion of a pilot household survey, the financial sector survey and a full-fledged household survey, (both) on remittances are currently being undertaken in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyz and Tajikistan.		A household survey on remittances and poverty was conducted in early 2007, while a survey of remittance senders was conducted in Kazakhstan in mid-2007. Data from these surveys have been processed and analyzed and country reports on remittances have been drafted. The 2nd working meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia (13-16 Oct 2007) to review the draft country and regional reports on remittances, among others. The preliminary results of cross-country analyses were presented to government officials and various stakeholders during country seminars conducted in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan in Nov 2007. During the seminars, government officials and stakeholders were also given a presentation on m-banking as a way of facilitating remittances. The country reports on remittances are undergoing final revisions and editing prior to publication, while the regional report on remittances is currently being prepared.	
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	800,000	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.	TA activities, ongoing. A data review workshop was organized in March 2007 in Kathmandu, Nepal to review price data from the special poverty price survey and countries reviewed their data based on discussions during the workshop. Preliminary poverty PPP estimates were also presented. Countries submitted their revised data in April/May 2007. With the concurrence of the participating DMCs, the World Bank provided household consumption expenditure data. This is the basis for the expenditure weights needed for poverty PPP computation.	Completion is extended to end of March 2008, to accommodate the World Bank's US dollar-based data.	Critical TA. TA implementation is on track; extension is necessary in order to accommodate the World Bank's US dollar-based data, before the report can be finalized.	

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REG	INTER-REG	6296	Developing Pro-poor Governance Capability and Knowledge	875,000	Capacity building TA for strengthening DMC knowledge in the use of tools and techniques for improving public services and preventing corruption.	<p>TA is nearing completion. Project implementation is generally on track and the expected outputs are very likely to be delivered by project closing date in November 2007.</p> <p>Two programs have already been completed in June: a two-week pilot anti corruption course organized by Anti-Corruption Academy of MACA in Kuala Lumpur from 11 to 22 June 2007 and a five day anti-corruption course by the Institute of Public Enterprise, Osmania University Campus on Hyderabad, India from 18 to 22 June 2007.</p> <p>mentoring and coaching of selected institutions on the application of Citizen Report Card (CRC) methodology and Continuous Improvement Benchmarking (CIB) techniques are ongoing.</p> <p>The incorporation of CRC methodology in an undergraduate course in UP NCPAG has been piloted.</p>		<p>Critical TA.</p> <p>To date, most of RETA activities have been completed in the four participating DMCs (Philippines, Pakistan, Indonesia and Malaysia). The major activities which have been completed include the : (i) pilot testing of CRC methodology and CIB techniques in the DMCs; and (ii) development and implementation of anti-corruption training modules by the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy in cooperation with NAPSIPAG.</p> <p>However, due to late start-up, 3 key activities will not be completed before the current TA closing date, i.e.: (i) the presentation of results of CRC and CIB pilot projects in the NAPSIPAG Annual Conference on 5-7 Dec 2007 in Manila; (ii) the documentation/publication of CRC and CIB case studies; and (3) the enhancement and production of learning toolkits in CD-rom version.</p> <p>In order to complete these activities and to utilize the RETA funds to meet the costs of the conference and the publication of case studies and CRC/CIB toolkits, extension of the completion date to 15 Jan 2008 (from 30 Nov 2007) was requested and approved by DFID in October 2007.</p>	

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SARD	NEP	4759	Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development	685,000	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.	This TA initially experienced delays in its implementation; but the pace has accelerated during the first 6 mos of 2007. The Dept. of Women Development (DWD) has prepared the necessary guidelines for project implementation, selected village development committees (VDCs), selected partner non-government organizations (NGOs), and implemented other activities in Jumla, Bajhang, and Rautahat, i.e., orientation, gender training, and initiation of saving activities.		The TA progress, especially in the western districts, where the households are ready to receive the Household Development Fund (HDF). The implementation of TA activities has been slowed down in the Terai districts, because of the political unrest and the floods. The EA was also reminded that the TA activities should be completed by the end of April 2008 to allow the TA to be closed by June 2008. The recommendation was for the EA to expedite the preparation of the Households Development plans so the at the first tranche of the HDF can be released without any further delay. Serious concern about the devaluation of the USD vs. the Nepalese Rupee has been expressed to the Mission for the implementation of the Project, as the allocation of HDF per household is a fixed amount and it has already been announced to the target communities, \$35,000 will be reallocated from the contingency of the TA fund to the HDF to meet the estimated shortfall.	DWD has already replicated the approach of the CCTs developed in this TA in 15 additional districts. The DWD has developed implementation guidelines and the MOF has allocated around 30 million households, including conflict-affected single women.
SARD	NEP	4776	Enabling the Private Sector to Undertake poverty-Focused Water Distribution in Kathmandu Valley	570,000	The TA will assist in the establishment and initial activities of the Low-Income Support Unit (LICSU) within the Water Utility Operator (WUO) that will facilitate the delivery of water services to the poor in support of the Melamchi Water Services Sector Project (MWSP-Loan 1820) and the Kathmandu Valley Water Services Sector Development Program (KVVSSDP-Loan 2058 and 2059).	Due to unexpected delay in the proposed institutional reform process and the uncertainty in subsequent recruitment of the Management Contractor (MC) being undertaken by the Government of Nepal, the TA activities have been severely hampered. However, survey activities, stakeholder consultations, preparatory work, design and cost estimates of community tapstands, community mobilization, proactive public relations, have generated support and a sense of participation in the targeted low income consumers. The first batch of community tapstand have been surveyed and is ready for implementation.	As the implementation of the TA activities is dependent and closely linked to the ongoing institutional reform process of the Government of Nepal, including the establishment of the new water utility in Kathmandu Valley (KUKL) and mobilization of the MC, the review of the present modality for further TA implementation needs to be urgently made.	Ongoing. Critical TA. Cofinanced by TASF. The preparatory works for the Community Participation Strategy (CPS) community mobilization was completed. Communities for piloting of 100 tapstand were identified and surveyed; engineering design and cost estimates completed; standard tender documents prepared and reviewed; first batch (9) of tapstands were completed. The procurement of first water tanker will be done in January 2008 and the remaining two, in March.	The TA closing date has been extended to 30 June 2008. The Advance Payment Facility to facilitate construction/rehabilitation of tapstands had been approved.

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SARD	SRI	4442	Psycho-social Health in Conflict-affected Areas	400,000	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.	TA implementation is ongoing. Ph1 has been completed. Ph 2 commenced in Feb 2007 (due to the late start of Ph 2, the TA completion date was extended until Mar 2008). The national NGO to implement Ph 2 was contracted in Mar 2007 and commenced services in Apr 2007. A national consultant was also engaged to monitor implementation of Ph2 activities, and services commenced in Apr 2007.	The setting up of psychosocial care services centers is being proposed to better implement the project in target districts. The proposal will be submitted to national steering committee for approval.	Critical TA. TA implementation, ongoing. This TA will close on time. Due to late start of Phase 2, TA completion date was extended until March 2008. Setting up of psychosocial care services is being proposed to better implement the project in target districts. Initial workshops to target districts, Monaragala and Trincomalee, were conducted in oct 2007 and succeeding workshops will be conducted until March 2008. Timely closure by 31 March 2008 was assured by SANS. A TA review mission will be fielded on 21-26 Jan 2008 to review the implementation progress of Phase 2.	With regard to any possible follow-up actions, it was noted that unfortunately, there seems little scope for any direct follow-up by ADB as neither health nor social protection will be within ADB's operational priorities in the country.
SERD	CAM	4755	Developing Deposit Services for Rural Cambodia	600,000	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.	TA implementation, ongoing. The qualitative component of the national survey is now ongoing. The Microfinance Supervision Specialist (MSS) has drafted a proposed regulation covering the requirements for MFIs that will be allowed to mobilize voluntary savings.	The final report of the Microfinance Information System Specialist on the management information systems (MIS) of MFIs noted the shortfalls of the computer software used by MFIs and it has been discussed with NBC. It was agreed that NBC would discuss the need to upgrade the MIS of MFIs and also consider an affordable software solutions that MFIs could purchase as a group.	TA is nearing completion. All components of TA 4755 (Component 1: Development of New MFI Savings Products; Component 2: Development of Regulation and Supervision Capacity in the National Bank of Cambodia; Component 3: National Savings Awareness Campaign) are virtually completed, except the final component (Savings Awareness). This component will publicize the importance of household savings and the role of MFIs and NBC in providing secure voluntary savings services. The new regulations governing deposit-taking MFIs have now been prepared and the prakas subsequently signed by the Governor of the NBC on 14 December 2007.	The TA's implementation of the final component is contingent on the finalization of the new regulatory structure for MFIs in Cambodia. Now that the new regulatory structure has been finalized and accepted by the governor, implementation of the final component can now proceed. However, its completion requires a project extension of another six months. Completion date extended from Dec 2007 to June 2008.

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SERD	LAO	4392	Marketing Support for Organic Produce of Ethnic Minorities	600,000	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.	TA implementation might be cancelled. A special TA administration mission was conducted in Dec 2006 following ADB decision to terminate People Tree's contract.	ADB sent communication to People Tree on 7 June 2007, setting a deadline (15 June 2007) for the filing of additional claim by the Consultant. No response was received within the given deadline. It can be assumed that PTI has no additional claim beyond the amount paid by ADB and that PTI agrees that this amount is in full and final payment of the contract.	Critical TA. Activities are ongoing. Contract of Friends of the Upland Farmers will be subjected to variation (extension of contract termination date from 15 April 2007 to 30 April 2008, addition of staff and activities) to speed up completion of the activities. According to the most recent information from the PO, the implementing NGO (Friends of the Upland Farmers) is encountering difficulty in renewing its NGO registration with the government, and it is unlikely this will be done within the remaining TA period. The overall cancellation of this TA was mentioned as a possibility, pending confirmation from the PO who just left on mission.	
SERD	LAO	4406	Capacity Building for Smallholder Livestock Systems in Lao PDR	550,000	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.	TA implementation, ongoing. CIAT has started implementation of activities, and an interim report was submitted in January 7, 2007. CIAT reported a 30% adoption rate of forage planting technology due to programmed interactions among target farmer beneficiaries. Trainee staff are now capable of conducting key activities for initial livestock development like "problem diagnosis" for livestock systems, establishment of forage plots and establishing the use of forages as an improved feed. In the selected villages, farmers have begun to manage their livestock based forages, and staff have succeeded in introducing improved feed and animal health interventions.	These field results and accelerated capacity building can be attributed to the combined effect of workshops, technical support provided by mentor staff, and constant exchange and problem solving attitude generated by the Provincial Networking Meetings. Variation in CIAT's contract is in process.	Ongoing. Critical TA. Activities are ongoing. Minor change in scope and variation request in process (reallocation of contract budget across budget items to meet actual needs). A review mission was supposed to have taken place in early December, but it did not, due to the PO's unavailability for family reasons. PAU Head will follow up on the current progress and the likelihood of the on-time completion by 30 June 2008, given the still low disbursement level.	

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SERD	LAO	4434	Poverty Reduction through Land Tenure Consolidation, Participatory Natural Resources Management and Local Communities Skills Building	974,300	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.	In response to ADRA Laos intention to withdraw from providing consultancy services, COS2 agreed to terminate the contract effective 31 Jan 2007. Another review mission was conducted on 17-24 Jan 2007 to review the implementation progress of the project and ensure smooth transition in the face of the consultant's withdrawal. The Mission identified German Agro Action (GAA), an NGO presently engaged with ethnic minorities in Northern Laos as a potential candidate for a follow-up contract with ADB. The Mission proposed changes in the number of consulting positions and their respective TORs for the proposed new contract. Some of the positions proposed have cost-sharing arrangements with JFPR 9062 LAO. GAA has signed a contract with ADB for consultancy services.		An Inception Report was submitted in Sept 2007; Preliminary work plans for 2008 have been included in the progress Report submitted in Dec 2007. All village development plans are under preparation. Land capability assessment is about 70% completed. A review mission will be fielded in early February to review the current Project progress and proposed activities for the remaining Project period.	
SERD	VIE	4480	Developing Agricultural Insurance in Viet Nam	600,000	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.	TA implementation, ongoing.	TA completion date, extended to 30 Sep 2007.	Phase 1 activities of this TA, completed (study of existing agricultural risk management and comparative study of informal and formal risk management systems). Phase 1 Final Report has been submitted to the ADB. Phase 2 (pilot on index-based insurance initiated in Sep 2007) is ongoing.	TA completion date is again extended from 30 Sep 07 to 30 Apr 08. A minor change in implementation arrangements with the engagement of an international legal and regulatory expert, approved.
SERD	VIE	4679	Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance	650,000	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.	TA implementation, ongoing. Consultant recruitment, initiated.		Due to the strategic importance of this TA, completion date was extended; critical TA. By 30 Oct 2007, \$315,098 was committed and \$181,178 was disbursed. The policy analysis and survey and training course will be carried out in December 2007 to May 2008. The TA is now moving expeditiously.	

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SERD	VIE	4690	Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Local Stakeholders for Implementation of Son La Livelihood and Resettlement Plan	1,000,000	This TA, attached to a loan, is to strengthen the institutional capacity of national, provincial and district authorities, as well as commune leaders, for effective planning and implementation of resettlement and livelihood programs for the communities affected by the Son La Hydropower Project	Implementation, ongoing. The project has conducted surveys on training needs assessment in 3 provinces: Son La; Lai Chau and Dien Bien. Training courses have been conducted on land-use planning for staff working in resettlement sites in Lai Chau and Dien Bien provinces, including workshops on application of GIS in land use planning. The training of trainers is ongoing in 2 provinces. The problem on Son La's non-participation in TA activities implementation is being resolved.	By early February 2007, it became apparent that the services of an international GIS specialist, to be assisted by a GIS technician, would be required to prepare the Macro Land-Use Planning (MLUP). The MLUP is a much-needed tool by MARD and the consultants in the determination of future resettlement sites.	Near completion of TA implementation. GIS guideline and Module 1 & 2 is completed. Resettlement guideline is completed. GIS training on 3rd Module on Resettlement Planning for Master trainer is underway and will be completed by Feb 2008. The training follow-up at the field will be completed by 24th March. Micro Land Use Planning Guideline and Micro-Land Use Map with topographical information are completed for 6 resettlement sites in 3 provinces, Livelihood Training has been completed and follow-up and monitoring of the training is underway.	
SERD	VIE	4714	Air Pollution, Poverty and Health Effects in Ho Chi Minh City	600,000	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.	TA is ongoing. All data needed for the hospital study have been collected. The first stage of sampling for the household study which assess the relationship between personal and district/city-wide ambient exposures in HCMC was completed.		Critical TA. Near completion of TA implementation. Activities are progressing very well, 80% of the amount allocated to the activities of Health Effects Institute has already been disbursed. A proposal has been issued to Clean Air Initiative Asia (CAI-Asia) with a request in the amount of \$100,000 to contribute in the implementation of selected activities. PAU Head noted that the disbursement as of now is 81% as against 32% as of 31 October 2007. It was noted that most activities have been completed for this TA, and timely completion of 31 May 2008 was assured.	Contract with Clean Air Initiative Asia was signed on 28 Nov 2007. Notice to proceed was issued by ADB on 4 Dec 07.
		17	TOTAL	11,704,300					

COMPLETED PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE PRF (PRC Program)

Region	Country	TA No.	Name of Project	Amount	Project Description	Project Status as of 30 June 2007 and their Preliminary Outcome
Completed and Financially-closed Projects						
EARD	PRC	4200	Fund for Strategic Policy Conferences and Studies for Poverty Reduction	400,000	An umbrella fund to support strategically important conferences, workshops, seminars and research related to poverty reduction.	Completed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - analysis and framework for international cooperation in poverty reduction (in cooperation with World Bank and GTZ); - systemic innovation of rural community healthcare to alleviate poverty; - mechanisms to link poverty reduction and forging a harmonious society; - private sector employment-poverty reduction linkages; and - lowering barriers to international NGOs/charities in advancing poverty and civil society aims. All subprojects, completed; financial closing, Feb 2007. Individual sub projects varied in their contribution to the TA's stated output (Implementation of successful approaches to poverty reduction). Reports from studies were of mixed quality, though some had visible impact in terms of integration into government planning dialogue, e.g. findings from one study were directly integrated into the Government's report for the National working Conference on poverty Reduction in Nov 2004. Several activities directly or indirectly involved NGOs during implementation and/or focused on the role of non-government actors in poverty efforts. At the outcome level, the TA was successful in promoting involvement by a broad range of stakeholders, including NGOs, in analysis and dialogue on poverty. Overall, LGOP was very satisfied with ADB's responsiveness to a range of emerging policy questions - responding to strong demand from LGOP and the Ministry of Agriculture.
EARD	PRC	4215	Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor	400,000	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.	Financial closing, 13 July 2006 The TA fully accomplished its objective to help the Government prepare pro-poor RWSS sector policies, a strategic investment framework for integrated RWSS, focused on defining viable models for financing sustainable pro-poor RWSS system and related institutional capacity building. The TA is rated as successful. Based on the sector policy and strategies and investment framework developed under the TA, several project proposals for RWSS have been prepared, following the PRC internal procedures.
EARD	PRC	4222	Policy Study on Poverty Reduction Strategy-Trends, Challenges and Future Directions	150,000	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.	Financial closing, Sept 2005 TA 4222, though small-scale, has had a large policy impact in the PRC. The technical assistance highlighted the need to ensure that aid is appropriate for the many different groups of poor people. The PRC Government used the outputs of this TA to help formulate its country report, which was presented at the Global Poverty Reduction Conference in Shanghai in May 2004. In the same conference, the PRC Government announced the establishment of a \$20 million fund focusing specifically on regional cooperation and poverty reduction to be administered by ADB. As a token of appreciation, TA 4222 became one of the technical assistance projects that received an award presented by the Government.
EARD	PRC	4298	Capacity Strengthening of PRC's National Development Planning Process	360,000	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; Financial closing, 12 Sept 2005 The main lesson learnt is that the specific topics for the substantive studies should have been identified and finalized during TA fact finding instead of mentioning them as a generic requirement in the final TOR. This would have enabled better budgeting of the TA and preparation of studies. A National Conference on Planning Models was held in March 2004 which received high-level attention and attracted over 100 participants from NDRC's offices in Beijing and other parts of the PRC. Overall, the conference was an effective learning process for NDRC participants. The final Report was also well prepared on time and within budget, and covered the PRC's experience with development planning as well as planning systems of seven OECD countries. A most useful chapter in the Final Report was the one entitled "How to Promote Better Planning in China." The Final Report also included outcomes of an in-depth study of a selected topic entitled "Country Level Integrated Development Planning."
EARD	PRC	4307	Poverty Reduction in Key Forestry Conservation Programs	400,000	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.	TA activities completed, financial closing, December 2007. The main product of this TA has been a detailed report of the research findings and recommendations. However, the manner in which the research was carried out has contributed as much to its impact. For example, the collaboration between the Government and ADB provided the space and the time to carry out thorough, field-based research. The field research looked, for the first time, at the overall livelihood effects and at the distribution of benefits and negative impacts on different socioeconomic groups. The research has provided a robust baseline for future monitoring and evaluation of environmental policies—a baseline that has since been expanded to cover 15 counties. The approach and methods introduced in the research have also had an impact. Involving a wide range of stakeholders at all levels and listening to those who were impacted by PFP have led to major policy revisions. The collection of qualitative data in the case studies provided insights into the variable effects of the forestry programs. The process of carrying out the research and, in particular, the involvement of important secondary stakeholders, such as local government

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EARD	PRC	4308	Poverty Reduction in Grassland Improvement Program	400,000	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.	TA activities completed, date of completion is 30 Nov 2006; financial closing, Sep 2006. TA completion report, completed. The TA was highly relevant to understanding poverty reduction in grassland areas, where many of the country's poor reside. The TA was also effectively implemented by the DRC with high quality consulting work by the team that mostly comprised Chinese experts. In terms of sustainability, the outcome of the work is leading directly to 11th FYP reforms. The Government's concerns to improve environmental management of the grasslands as well as to achieve sustainable rural livelihoods have been clearly assisted through this TA. The research report has become a key reference point for policy makers in the government and has helped draw the attention of other funding agencies to the work of DRC. The research came at a key point in the development of environment and poverty reduction policies in the PRC. The findings helped influence the development of a dual focus in national policy, which has led to pilots to integrate previously separate programs. DRC, as an organization, also benefited from the research and has since begun working on grassland projects with the Swedish International Development Cooperation A
EARD	PRC	4322	Poverty Impact of Areawide Road Networks	1,000,000	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.	Completed. Financial closing, 11 May 2007. The Ministerial Conference was highly successful in terms of high level of participation, high quality of output and relevance of the conference materials to the requirements of the ADB-Government operational strategy, including State Council, NDRC, MOF, MOC, Transport Planning and Research Institutes, consultants and ADB. The TA is sought to address key issues which are relevant to the PRC's priority needs in road sector development. The TA was successful in promoting the need for integrated planning of the overall road network and for heightening awareness of the need for greater inter-agency coordination. The approaches developed under the TA are workable, user-friendly and supported at the level of MOC. The new planning process with participation by the poor piloted under this TA is planned for replication in 3 provinces in 2007 to 2010. The TA has begun influence dialogue on future ADB loans and the inclusion of pro-poor methodology into Ministry of Communications planning for massive future road investments.
EARD	PRC	4402	Heating Supply for Urban Poor in Liaoning Province	500,000	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.	Completed; Financial closing, 19 Sep 2006. The TA is categorized as successful. The TA significantly contributed to producing and implementing a heating supply strategy for Liaoning province that was sustainable and appropriate to the needs of the population. It ensured that the program design to implement policy was responsive to the needs of the urban poor at large. It helped the provincial government (i) implement national heating tariff guidelines; (ii) improve heating tariff collection; (iii) design heating assistance programs for the poor and (iv) develop an effective monitoring, supervision and evaluation system at the provincial and local levels. The TA also encouraged the Govt of Liaoning Province to engage in policy dialogue with service providers and potential service users to design an appropriate heating supply strategy.
EARD	PRC	4680	Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring	300,000	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.	TA activities completed, financial closing, 27 August 2007. Final workshop and tripartite meeting was held on 10 May 2007. Final Report was submitted to ADB on 11 May 2007. The quality of outputs was satisfactory. Alternative economic activities and an approach for mitigating the social and environmental impacts of closure of coal mines in cities with decreasing coal reserves were developed. Analysis of economic and social structure of cities was completed, a methodology for identifying alternative economic and livelihood activities was developed and job creation and training programs to assist redundant miners to find alternative livelihood were identified.
		9	Sub total	3,910,000		

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Region	Country	TA No.	Name of Project	Amount	Project Description	Project Status as of 30 June 2007 and their Preliminary Outcome
Completed but NOT Financially-closed Projects						
EARD	PRC	4401	Rural Income and Sustainable Development	900,000	This project is to adjust agricultural structure and alleviate farmers from poverty through demonstration and piloting of key sustainable alternative rural livelihood projects.	TA activities completed, for financial closing. The final workshop was conducted on 23-24 December 2007 and the Phase 2 final report was received on 18 January 2008.
EARD	PRC	4430	Rural Finance Reforms and Development of Microfinance Institutions (Rural Credit Cooperatives Development)	1,000,000	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.	TA implementation, completed; for financial closing. The TA has achieved significant results in a number of areas including: • The first detailed assessment of demand for and supply of rural credit in two of the poorest areas in the PRC; • Support to the establishment of commercial microcredit institutions in IMAR and Guizhou, starting the process of establishing a range of providers in the rural financial sector; and • Mapping out future reforms to the sector and continuing to provide support to the development of a more comprehensive policy framework.
EARD	PRC	4454	Developing a Poverty Monitoring System at a County Level	300,000	Develop quantitative and qualitative methodologies to assess poverty reduction impact of ADB-assisted operations.	TA implementation, completed; for financial closing. Research papers on the applications of the Dayao County poverty monitoring system were prepared by various line agencies in Yunnan province. A workshop to discuss these papers was held in Chuxiong Prefecture in Yunnan Province in Sept 2007. The concluding workshop was held in Beijing in Nov 2007. The consultant's report has been submitted to the ADB and is under review.
EARD	PRC	4566	Poverty Reduction in Coal Mine Areas in Shaanxi Province	500,000	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	Draft final report, submitted in 22 Nov 2006, being circulated for comments. A workshop to discuss the draft final report was held during the 2nd week of December 2006. TA activities completed, for financial closing. Final workshop was held in 10 Mar 2007, participated by local government agencies and policy makers involved in the poverty reduction and rural development. Final report was submitted to ADB on 23 March 2007.
EARD	PRC	4649	Alternative Energy Supply for Rural Poor in Remote Areas	500,000	Strategy formulation for expansion of alternative energy-based electrification in remote rural areas, including a strategy to improve sustainability of existing decentralized installations.	TA implementation, completed; for financial closing. Final report was received on 15 June 2007.
EARD	PRC	4694	Urban Poverty Strategy II	300,000	This TA will focus on the issue of urban migrant workers and related poverty reduction measures. The TA aims to contribute to enhanced access to urban social services by urban poor migrants and reduced urban poverty, by producing a comprehensive set of policy and administrative reform recommendations for submission to the State Council.	TA implementation completed; for financial closing. Review mission fielded, 17-18 Dec 2007. Final workshop was held on 18 Dec 2007. The original objective of linking the recommendations to specific ministry action plans has only been partially achieved. In the final revisions over the next two weeks, the researchers will be focusing on better identifying the relevant action plans and providing both policy and strategy recommendations which outline key policy objectives, options, stakeholders and anticipated impacts.
EARD	PRC	4933	Facility for Policy Reform and Poverty Reduction	65,000	The TA will support the achievement of aims set in the 11th Five-year plan, with a sound framework of policy, legislation and implementation mechanisms and capacities in place to support continued economic and social development under subsequent Five-year Plans.	This is a con-financed TA. TA approval, 28 May 2007. the PRF portion of the funding is now fully-disbursed; for financial closing. An orientation workshop on ADB's TA administration guidelines and policies was held on 22 June 2007 with participants from EAs and IAs.
		7	Sub-total	3,565,000		

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Region	Country	TA No.	Name of Project	Amount	Project Description	As of 31 Dec 2006	Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 31 Dec 2006	As of 30 Jun 2007	Preliminary Outcomes and issues as of 30 Jun 2007
Ongoing Projects ("critical" TAs)									
EARD	PRC	4142	Fighting Poverty through HIV/AIDS on Road Projects in Yunnan Province	800,000	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.	The TA has generally addressed past implementation problems, especially in better linking with Government structures, adjusting the strategies to improve targeting of truck drivers, piloting condom social marketing activities, and in further mobilizing community leaders. The different strategies to reach the risk groups are well in place and effective. The TA is implementing a Condom Social Marketing (CSM) scheme in Longling county on pilot basis. The TA undertook two rounds of Behavioral Surveillance and Health Facility Surveys in August 2005 and 2006. The preliminary results are very encouraging and show objective changes in knowledge, attitudes and behavior among the target groups of the TA- Female Sex Workers, Road Construction Laborers and Youth.	It is an interesting TA because of the broad approach (targetting not only construction workers but also the surrounding communities). In addition, the TA has a strong performance monitoring component. Approaches for linking HIV/AIDS prevention to an ADB-financed expressway in Western Yunnan (under this TA and Loan 2014) are slated to be replicated in Guangxi and Central Asia in two sub-projects under a Swedish trust fund to ADB for HIV/AIDS. Another PRC-specific sub-project under the latter will build on progress in TA 4560 in pilot testing sustainable linkages between government- and NGO-led HIV/AIDS efforts in Yunnan and Xinjiang.	TA implementation, ongoing. The preparation of participation in Colombo ICAAP meeting (3 abstracts have been accepted) is being done. The development of TOR for two knowledge products (policy recommendations and manual for construction companies), completed.	ADB approval of contract variation is much delayed. This impedes proper implementation of TA and especially hiring of consultants for development of knowledge products. Variation order has since been approved.
EARD	PRC	4580	NGO Government Partnerships in Village Level Poverty Alleviation	1,000,000	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.	Despite minor delays (resolved thru careful dialogue on nationally sensitive issues), TA has completed foundational work (e.g. policy environment and local context assessment, M&E baseline study, etc) and reached Phase 2 of the focal pilot test in Jiangxi Province: -developed Guidelines on Competitive selection and 2 other operational manuals; -facilitation of village-level poverty alleviation and development planning processes, working with local governments; and -launch of Phase 2 competitive NGO selection	The TA marks the first time PRC Government project finances have been channeled through NGOs on a sizeable scale (8 million RMB for NGO implementation by pilot's Phase 2), with fundamental implications for state-funded programs in poverty and other areas broadly recognized by Government, donors, media and civil society. In view of the progress under this TA, the Ministry of Civil Affairs-responsible for registering NGOs-recently requested (and ADB is preparing) small-scale support for on international models of out-sourcing of government services/programs to NGOs more broadly.	TA activities ongoing. September review mission observed strong villager satisfaction with completed micro-projects in Phase 1 pilot village, and with participatory planning process in a Phase 2 "hybrid model" village.	TA is selected by Ministry of Finance as 1 of 5 "best practice advisory TAs" for innovative design; strong cooperation in implementation and overall impact.
		2	Sub total	1,800,000					

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(UNITED KINGDOM AND NORTHERN IRELAND)

STATUS OF GRANT (CONTRIBUTION)

as of 31 December 2007

(Amounts in US dollar)

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED (GBP6,000,000)		9,558,950.46 ^{a/}
Gain (Loss) arising from change in value of currency		<u>1,094,709.75</u>
Amount received	9,506,900.00	
Undrawn contribution (GBP574,356)	<u>1,146,760.21</u> ^{b/}	10,653,660.21
Add: Income from investments	196,655.97	
Interest income	90,356.75	
Gain/(loss) on foreign exchange transactions	<u>2,893.98</u>	<u>289,906.70</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		10,943,566.91
Amounts utilized for:		
Project expenditures (Statement 2)	(6,823,494.05)	
Bank administration cost	(341,174.69)	
Financial expense - bank charges	<u>(1,269.65)</u>	<u>(7,165,938.39)</u>
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		3,777,628.52 ^{c/}
Less: Outstanding commitments	(2,293,930.89)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(114,696.54)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(2,408,627.43)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		<u><u>1,369,001.09</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 2007.

^{c/} Represented by:

Cash in bank	1,490,979.90
Investments	625,269.34
Accrued interest	959.09
Undrawn contribution (GBP6,000,000 less GBP5,425,644)	1,146,760.21
Advances	525,900.63
Accounts payable	<u>(12,240.65)</u>
	<u><u>3,777,628.52</u></u>

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

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Statement of TA Expenditures - Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund - PRC Program
(United Kingdom and Northern Ireland)
As of 31 December 2007

(Expressed in US dollars)

TA Title	TA No./Type	Date of Approval	Amount Received	Project Expenditures ^{2/}			Outstanding Commitments	Expected TA Completion Date	Completed TAs		
				Cumulative up to 31/12/06	Transactions 01/07-31/12/07	Cumulative up to 31/12/07			Unutilized Commitment (Savings)	Financial Completion Date	
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(F) = (A) - (E)	(G)	(H) = (A) - (E)	(I)
in Shanxi Province (PRCF)	4566/AO	15Feb05	500,000.00		140,360.01	160,781.68	301,141.69	198,858.31	31-Dec-07		
Non-Government Organization- Government Partnerships in Village- Level Poverty Alleviation	4580/AO	20Apr05	1,000,000.00		277,733.10	179,329.19	457,062.29	542,937.71	30-Jun-08		
Alternative Energy Supply for Rural Poor in Remote Areas	4649/AO	21Sep05	500,000.00		184,898.20	235,025.82	419,924.02	80,075.98	31-Mar-08		
Alternative Livelihood Options to Facilitate Coal Sector Restructuring	4680/AO	02Nov05	300,000.00		88,160.00	176,828.00	264,988.00			35,012.00	Aug-07
Urban Poverty Strategy Study II	4694/AO	23Nov05	300,000.00		-	97,286.86	97,286.86	202,713.14	31-Dec-07		
Facility for Policy Reform and Poverty Reduction	4933/AO	28May07	65,000.00		-	-	-	65,000.00	30-Jun-09		
Total Approved and Effective TAs			9,275,000.00	\$	9,506,900.00	5,132,231.30	1,691,262.75	6,823,494.05	2,293,930.89	157,575.06	

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
4th tranche	(£ 1,206,701)	2,106,900.00
5th tranche	(£ 1,060,000)	2,000,000.00
6th tranche	(£ 462,392)	900,000.00
7th tranche	(£ 462,392)	900,000.00
Total		9,506,900.00 ^{3/}

^{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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STATUS OF GRANT (CONTRIBUTION)

as of 31 December 2007

(Amounts in US dollar)

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED (GBP30,000,000)		51,198,158.88 ^{a/}
Gain (Loss) arising from change in value of currency		<u>4,701,693.03</u>
Amount received	34,935,250.00	
Undrawn contribution (GBP10,500,141.83)	<u>20,964,601.91</u> ^{b/}	55,899,851.91
Add: Income from investments	718,556.86	
Interest income	104,471.44	
Gain/(loss) on foreign exchange transaction	<u>(1,473.44)</u>	<u>821,554.86</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		56,721,406.77
Amounts utilized for:		
Project expenditures (Statement 2)	(30,585,195.92)	
Bank administration cos	(1,529,259.81)	
Financial expense - bank charge:	<u>(10,722.62)</u>	<u>(32,125,178.35)</u>
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		24,596,228.42 ^{c/}
Less: Outstanding commitments	(13,851,217.66)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(692,560.88)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(14,543,778.54)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR NEW COMMITMENTS		<u><u>10,052,449.88</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 2007.

^{c/} Represented by:

Cash in bank	758,104.19
Investments	1,202,441.05
Accrued interest	1,844.41
Undrawn contribution (GBP30,000,000 less GBP19,499,858.17)	20,964,601.91
Accounts Receivable	38,132.80
Advances	1,736,595.44
Accounts payable	<u>(105,491.38)</u>
	<u><u>24,596,228.42</u></u>

^{d/} Represents 5% of the outstanding commitments.

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<u>Afghanistan</u>											
Poverty Reduction and Rural Renewable Energy Development	4461/AO	03Dec04	750,000.00		268,683.58	313,514.13	582,197.71	167,802.29	31-Aug-07		
Natural Resources Management and Poverty Reduction	4541/AO	23Dec04	810,000.00		262,391.33	28,468.24	290,859.57	519,140.43	30-Nov-07		
Total - Afghanistan			<u>1,560,000.00</u>		<u>531,074.91</u>	<u>341,982.37</u>	<u>873,057.28</u>	<u>686,942.72</u>			
<u>Bangladesh</u>											
Strengthening Capacities for Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation	4303/AO	19Dec03	350,000.00		267,886.81	-	267,886.81			82,113.19	Nov-06
Social Protection of Poor Female Workers in the Garment Sector in the Context of Changing Trade Environments Project	4320/AO	16Mar04	420,000.00		127,675.57	81,765.76	209,441.33	210,558.67	31-Dec-07		
Participation of the Urban Poor in Municipal Governance	4707/AO	02Dec05	480,000.00		140,465.88	207,643.32	348,109.20	131,890.80	11-Jan-08		
Second Command Area Development Project	4740/PP	19Dec05	350,000.00		38.42	335,067.50	335,105.92	14,894.08	30-Mar-08		
Total - Bangladesh			<u>1,600,000.00</u>		<u>536,066.68</u>	<u>624,476.58</u>	<u>1,160,543.26</u>	<u>357,343.55</u>			
<u>Cambodia</u>											
Sustainable Employment Promotion for Poor Women	3947/AO	24Oct02	400,000.00		397,950.91	-	397,950.91			2,049.09	Mar-07
Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	3955/AO	30Oct02	78,500.00		63,334.63	-	63,334.63			15,165.37	Jul-07
Preventing Poverty and Empowering Female Workers Affected by Changing International Trade	4131/AO	20Jun03	600,000.00		507,319.11	-	507,319.11			92,680.89	Mar-06
Participatory Poverty Assessment of the Tonle Sap	4283/AO	18Dec03	425,000.00		367,521.42	22,300.21	389,821.63	35,178.37	31-Dec-07		
Capacity Building of the Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction Initiative	4376/AO	16Aug04	500,000.00		386,533.50	88,839.90	475,373.40	24,626.60	31-Dec-07		
Community Self-Reliance and Flood Risk Reduction	4574/AO	08Apr05	500,000.00		216,487.78	134,609.53	351,097.31	148,902.69	31-Dec-07		
Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development	4575/AO	05Apr05	150,000.00		103,891.76	20,785.65	124,677.41			25,322.59	Oct-07
Developing Deposit Services in Rural Cambodia	4755//AO	21Dec05	600,000.00		23,629.41	301,095.87	324,725.28	275,274.72	30-Jun-08		
Dormitories and Learning Centers for Secondary Schoolgirls	4777//AO	03Apr06	800,000.00		112,986.07	425,755.71	538,741.78	261,258.22	31-Dec-07		
Total - Cambodia			<u>4,053,500.00</u>		<u>2,179,654.59</u>	<u>993,386.87</u>	<u>3,173,041.46</u>	<u>745,240.60</u>			
<u>Kyrgyz Republic</u>											
The Study on Pricing Systems and Cost-Recovery Mechanism for Irrigation	4405/AO	11Oct04	300,000.00		185,965.00	88,076.00	274,041.00	25,959.00	30-Jun-07		
Study of Impact of Land Reform on Agriculture, Poverty Reduction, and Environment	4408/AO	12Oct04	530,000.00		269,926.00	-	269,926.00	260,074.00	31-Dec-07		
Total - Kyrgyz			<u>830,000.00</u>		<u>455,891.00</u>	<u>88,076.00</u>	<u>543,967.00</u>	<u>286,033.00</u>			

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<u>Lao People's Dem Rep.</u>											
Social Protection in the the LAO PDR: Issues and Options	4009/AO	04Dec02	150,000.00		69,787.81	-	69,787.81			80,212.19	Mar-05
Integrating Poor in Regional Trade through Standard Setting for Private Sector Development	4108/AO	09May03	150,000.00		148,174.78	-	148,174.78			1,825.22	Apr-05
Study of Gender Inequality in Women's Access to Land, Forests and Water	4339/AO	20May04	250,000.00		143,354.46	22,927.00	166,281.46			83,718.54	Nov-07
Marketing Support for Organic Produce of Ethnic Minorities	4392/AO	17Sep04	600,000.00		191,725.43	23,270.00	214,995.43	385,004.57	22-Jun-08		
Capacity Building for Smallholder Livestock Systems	4406/AO	11Oct04	550,000.00		78,310.00	78,000.00	156,310.00	393,690.00	30-Jun-08		
Poverty Reduction Through Land Tenure Consolidation, Participatory Natural Resources Management and Local Communities Skills Building	4434/AO	17Nov04	974,300.00		272,121.00	57,633.31	329,754.31	644,545.69	31-Jul-08		
SSTA for Revitalizing Community Demand for Immunization	4787/AO	10May06	140,000.00		16,847.20	96,639.94	113,487.14	26,512.86	31-Dec-07		
Total - Lao People's Dem. Rep.			<u>2,814,300.00</u>		<u>920,320.68</u>	<u>278,470.25</u>	<u>1,198,790.93</u>	<u>1,449,753.12</u>			
<u>Marshall Islands</u>											
Increasing Ownership of and Effective Demand for Improved Urban Waste Management	4653/AO	22Sep05	<u>300,000.00</u>		<u>100,110.35</u>	<u>127,862.40</u>	<u>227,972.75</u>	<u>72,027.25</u>	31-Dec-07		
<u>Mongolia</u>											
Urban Development and Housing	4632/PP	18Aug05	<u>250,000.00</u>		<u>221,675.70</u>	<u>28,324.30</u>	<u>250,000.00</u>			-	Aug-07
<u>Nepal</u>											
Promoting Pro-Poor and Gender Responsive Service	4353/AO	07Jul04	200,000.00		69,430.45	69,653.44	139,083.89			60,916.11	Jul-07
Preparing the Education Sector Developing Program I	4754/PP	21Dec05	150,000.00		113,556.74	32,937.41	146,494.15	3,505.85	31-Jul-07		
Reaching the Most Disadvantaged Groups in Mainstream Rural Development	4759/AO	22Dec05	685,000.00		-	32,000.00	32,000.00	653,000.00	10-Jun-08		
Enhancing Poverty Reduction Impact of Road Projects	4760/AO	03Jan06	350,000.00		95,339.40	158,365.33	253,704.73	96,295.27	31-Dec-07		
Economic and Social Inclusion of the Disadvantaged Poor Through MIS	4774/AO	20Mar06	450,000.00		54,889.50	162,362.04	217,251.54	232,748.46	31-Dec-07		
Enabling the Private Sector to Undertake Poverty-Focused Water Distribution and Strengthening of Institutional Reforms in Kathmandu Valley	4776/AO	28Mar06	570,000.00		33,983.58	119,565.29	153,548.87	416,451.13	30-Jun-08		
Total - Nepal			<u>2,405,000.00</u>		<u>367,199.67</u>	<u>574,883.51</u>	<u>942,083.18</u>	<u>1,402,000.71</u>			
<u>Pakistan</u>											
Enhancing Capacity for Resource Management and Poverty Reduction in Punjab	4015/AO	05Dec02	230,000.00		227,506.28	-	227,506.28			2,493.72	Aug-06
Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	4277/AO	18Dec03	63,500.00		57,581.02	5,879.00	63,460.02			39.98	Oct-07
Determinants and Drivers of Poverty Reduction and ADB's Contribution in Rural Pakistan	4319/AO	05Mar04	580,000.00		257,135.62	204,635.62	461,771.24			118,228.76	Oct-07

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Non-Formal Primary Educ and Functional Literacy for Rural Women in Selected Barani Areas of Punjab	4414/AO	13Oct04	400,000.00		71,477.27	35,708.00	107,185.27	292,814.73	31-Jan-08		
Implementing Public Safety Reforms in Four Districts of Province of Punjab	4537/AO	23Dec04	950,000.00		167,616.04	264,624.86	432,240.90	517,759.10	23-Jan-08		
Support to Implementation of Gender Reform Action Plans	4602/AO	24Jun05	800,000.00		67,459.82	53,632.73	121,092.55	678,907.45	04-Jun-08		
Total - Pakistan			3,023,500.00		848,776.05	564,480.21	1,413,256.26	1,489,481.28			
<u>Sri Lanka</u>											
Community Information Services for the Poor	4110/AO	09May03	800,000.00		795,487.69	-	795,487.69			4,512.31	Jul-06
Psychosocial Health in Conflict-Affected Areas	4442/AO	22Nov04	400,000.00		38,480.51	43,904.96	82,385.47	317,614.53	31-Mar-08		
Sri-Lanka Post Tsunami Needs Assessment and Preparation for Emergency Assistance Implementation Strategies	4567/AO	18Feb05	500,000.00		484,872.42	13,993.13	498,865.55			1,134.45	Jun-07
Microinsurance Sector Development	4761/AO	03Jan06	600,000.00		240,989.26	123,154.41	364,143.67	235,856.33	31-Aug-07		
Total - Sri Lanka			2,300,000.00		1,559,829.88	181,052.50	1,740,882.38	553,470.86			
<u>Tajikistan</u>											
Development of Community Based Micro-Hydropower Supply in Remote Rural Areas	4423/AO	05Nov04	800,000.00		433,480.22	336,915.07	770,395.29	29,604.71	15-Aug-07		
Rural Development Project	4598/PP	14Jun05	150,000.00		64,450.49	77,762.13	142,212.62			7,787.38	Dec-07
Farm Analysis and Awareness-Raising for Debt Resolution	4664/AO	04Oct05	800,000.00		83,166.54	462,444.63	545,611.17	254,388.83	31-Dec-07		
Total - Tajikistan			1,750,000.00		581,097.25	877,121.83	1,458,219.08	283,993.54			
<u>Uzbekistan</u>											
Implementation and Monitoring of Policy Reforms in the Agriculture Sector	4820/AO	24Jul06	600,000.00		-	135,077.44	135,077.44	464,922.56	31-Dec-08		
<u>Viet Nam, Soc. Rep. of</u>											
Transport Services Networks for the Poor	4028/AO	11Dec02	350,000.00		254,808.82	-	254,808.82			95,191.18	Aug-06
Early Childhood Development for the Poor	4205/AO	24Oct03	450,000.00		365,207.36	-	365,207.36			84,792.64	Mar-07
Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	4252/AO	12Dec03	73,000.00		48,825.05	16,875.00	65,700.05			7,299.95	Apr-07
Developing the Social Security System	4276/AO	18Dec03	750,000.00		543,499.05	6,227.98	549,727.03	200,272.97	31-Dec-07		
Support for Pro-Poor Health Policies	4331/AO	28Apr04	550,000.00		391,333.22	95,947.04	487,280.26	62,719.74	31-Dec-07		
Supporting the Preparation of the Law on Gender Equality	4453/AO	26Nov04	370,000.00		232,493.26	124,197.93	356,691.19			13,308.81	Dec-07
Developing Agricultural Insurance	4480/AO	15Dec04	600,000.00		133,102.44	152,227.26	285,329.70	314,670.30	30-Apr-08		
Implementing the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Microfinance	4638/AO	29Aug05	250,000.00		74,000.00	47,305.40	121,305.40	128,694.60	31-Dec-07		
Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance	4679/AO	31Oct05	650,000.00		1,839.28	236,716.55	238,555.83	411,444.17	30-Jun-08		
Developing Benefits Sharing Mechanisms for People Adversely Affected by Power Generation Project	4689/AO	14Nov05	150,000.00		27,133.92	105,012.31	132,146.23	17,853.77	31-Dec-07		

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Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Local Stakeholders for Implementation of Son La Livelihood and Resettlement Plan	4690/AO	14Nov05	1,000,000.00		158,366.70	333,758.64	492,125.34	507,874.66	31-Mar-08		
Air Pollution, Poverty and Health Effects in Ho Chi Minh City	4714/AO	05Dec05	600,000.00		-	241,695.99	241,695.99	358,304.01	31-May-08		
Total - Vietnam			<u>5,793,000.00</u>		<u>2,230,609.10</u>	<u>1,359,964.10</u>	<u>3,590,573.20</u>	<u>2,001,834.22</u>			
Regional											
Fifth Agriculture and Natural Resources Research at CGIAR Centers	5945/RG	17Oct00	905,000.00		157,352.00	241,847.53	399,199.53	505,800.47	31-Dec-07		
Pacific Fund for Strategic Poverty Analysis	6061/RG	31Oct02	50,000.00		48,208.92	-	48,208.92			1,791.08	Jul-05
Developing Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB Operation in Reducing Poverty	6073/RG	16Dec02	600,000.00		260,388.06	-	260,388.06			339,611.94	Mar-06
Strengthening and Collection of Purchasing Power Parity Data in Selected Developing Member Countries	6088/RG	19Dec02	800,000.00		575,464.33	194,179.05	769,643.38	30,356.62	31-Mar-08		
NGO Partnerships for Poverty Reduction	6109/RG	27May03	1,000,000.00		974,521.23	4,964.84	979,486.07			20,513.93	Jun-07
Making Markets Work Better for the Poor	6113/RG	02Jul03	385,000.00		208,284.75	159,798.13	368,082.88	16,917.12	31-Dec-07		
Poverty Reduction in Upland Communities in the Mekong Region through Improved Community and Industrial Forestry	6115/RG	04Aug03	800,000.00		451,370.06	149,015.19	600,385.25	199,614.75	31-Dec-07		
Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Reduction in the Greater Mekong Subregion	6118/RG	22Aug03	150,000.00		126,046.00	2,850.00	128,896.00			21,104.00	Jun-07
Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	6120/RG	27Aug03	300,000.00		261,557.44	-	261,557.44			38,442.56	Sep-06
Study of Urban Violence in Asia Towards More Effective Urban Upgrading	6130/RG	30Oct03	150,000.00		108,134.90	-	108,134.90			41,865.10	Jul-06
Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	6157/RG	18Dec03	400,000.00		256,177.84	138,426.18	394,604.02	5,395.98	31-Dec-07		
Pilot Project on Institutionalizing Civil Society Participation to Create Local ProPoor Budget	6170/RG	06Apr04	400,000.00		274,157.45	106,050.71	380,208.16			19,791.84	Dec-07
Making Resource Allocation Pro-Poor and Participatory in the Pacific	6175/RG	16Jun04	500,000.00		192,182.90	157,615.11	349,798.01			150,201.99	Oct-07
Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction	6176/RG	14Jul04	300,000.00		91,495.72	106,136.59	197,632.31	102,367.69	29-Jun-07		
Establishing Legal Identity for Social Inclusion	6188/RG	30Sep04	575,000.00		296,209.13	167,623.25	463,832.38	111,167.62	30-Sep-07		
Preventing Trafficking of Women and Children and Promoting Safe Migration in Greater Mekong Subregion	6190/RG	04Oct04	700,000.00		371,654.01	120,440.51	492,094.52	207,905.48	31-Dec-07		
Pilot Test Participatory Assessment Methodologies for Sustainable and Equitable Water Supply and Sanitation Services	6224/RG	23Dec04	550,000.00		465,182.91	32,524.80	497,707.71			52,292.29	Dec-07
Strengthening Malaria Control for Ethnic Minorities	6243/RG	23May05	750,000.00		550,000.00	200,000.00	750,000.00	-	31-Dec-07		
Strengthening Pro-Poor Policy in the Pacific	6245/RG	10Jun05	925,000.00		408,194.84	496,921.49	905,116.33	19,883.67	30-Jun-08		

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HIV/AIDS Vulnerability and Risk Reduction Among Ethnic Minority Groups	6247/RG	01Jul05	700,000.00		242,992.00	101,295.10	344,287.10	355,712.90	31-Mar-08		
Legal Empowerment for Women and Disadvantaged Groups	6248/RG	19Jul05	550,000.00		75,203.00	297,000.00	372,203.00	177,797.00	31-Dec-07		
Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects	6270/RG	23Nov05	980,000.00		188,960.87	371,799.12	560,759.99	419,240.01	31-Dec-07		
Innovative Information and Communication Technology in Education and Its Potential for Reducing Poverty in Asia & Pacific Region	6278/RG	02Dec05	800,000.00		176,032.86	287,847.24	463,880.10	336,119.90	31-Dec-07		
Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanism	6284/RG	09Dec05	150,000.00		5,288.28	71,232.40	76,520.68			73,479.32	Dec-07
Core Environment Program and Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Initiative in Greater Mekong Subregion	6289/RG	16Dec05	550,000.00		480,029.73	59,360.07	539,389.80	10,610.20	31-Dec-09		
Developing Pro-Poor Governance Capability and Knowledge	6296/RG	21Dec05	875,000.00		138,132.06	523,204.44	661,336.50	213,663.50	15-Jan-08		
Mainstreaming Managing for Development Results in Support of Poverty Reduction in South Asia	6306/RG	27Jan06	1,800,000.00		231,550.47	689,445.64	920,996.11	879,003.89	31-Mar-09		
Scaling up of the Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	6308/RG	06Mar06	900,000.00		237,080.89	419,660.25	656,741.14	243,258.86	20-Dec-07		
Remittances and Poverty in Central Asia and South Caucasus	6315/RG	07Apr06	1,000,000.00		277,430.49	499,210.92	776,641.41	223,358.59	31-Mar-08		
Asian Development Community Broadcasting Initiative	6316/RG	05Apr06	150,000.00		75,000.00	75,000.00	150,000.00				Sep-07
Total Regional			18,695,000.00		8,204,283.14	5,673,448.56	13,877,731.70	4,058,174.25			
Total Approved and Effective TAs			45,974,300.00	\$	34,935,250.00 ^{3/}	18,736,589.00	11,848,606.92	30,585,195.92	13,851,217.66		1,537,886.42

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
5th tranche	(£ 6,014,294.00)	11,000,000.00
6th tranche	(£ 3,022,670.00)	6,000,000.00
		<u>34,935,250.00</u>

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

^{2/} Actual disbursements.

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

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>