

**QUARTERLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000  
(30 September 2008)**

**TA-7123-INO: Strengthening Environmental Practices for Road Network Development in Kalimantan (Advisory)**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Public Works  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : Not listed  
**Date Approved** : 9 September 2008

The impact of the TA will be the development of a road network plan in the Indonesian portion of the Heart of Borneo (HOB) that meets the economic development needs of the area and protects the ecological integrity of HOB. The outcome will strengthen sustainable environmental management and provide for monitoring of road network planning, design and construction in the HOB region. The TA will provide needed environmental management capacity building for road agencies in the HOB, to ensure sustainable roads are planned as part of a road network that compliments the objectives of the HOB Declaration.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Recruitment of the consultant is being processed.

**TA-7071-KAZ: CAREC Transport Corridor I (Zhambyl Oblast Section) (Supplementary)**  
(Project Preparatory)

**Executing Agency** : Committee of Roads, Ministry of Transport and Communications (MOTC)  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : Not listed  
**Date Approved** : 9 July 2008

The TA consultants generally satisfactorily completed their assignments and submitted the final reports on 12 June 2008. The TA original closing date is 30 June 2008 and the TA is still active. During the TA final review, recruitment of an individual international procurement specialist under the TA was proposed to help MOTC conduct preparatory works for the project. Among the consultant's deliverables are draft prequalification documents, invitation for bidding and bidding documents for civil works packages, and the draft request for proposal for consultants for the project.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Consultant's work ongoing.

**TA-7135-NEP: Enhancing Project Readiness for North-South Fast Track Road Connectivity (PPP) (Advisory)**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Physical Planning and Works  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 3 September 2008  
**Date Approved** : 26 September 2008

The Government of Nepal requested assistance to enhance readiness for the North-South Fast Track Road Project as a public-private partnership (PPP) project. Framework and policies

governing private investment in the road sector, contract and company laws, and commercial practices will be reviewed. The bidding process for the project will be recommended and bidding documents will be prepared. The overall impact is increased private sector investment in infrastructure construction and maintenance. The PPP project will bring substantial economic and social benefits to the country. The main outcome is to enhance the country's capacity in promoting PPP projects in the road sector.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Recruitment of the consultants is expected to commence in October 2008.

**TA-7140-SRI: Assessing Colombo Municipality Wastewater Systems (Project Preparatory)**

**Executing Agency** : National Water Supply and Drainage Board and Colombo Municipal Council  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : Not listed  
**Date Approved** : 19 September 2008

This small-scale project preparatory TA will help (i) update the feasibility study prepared under TA 4531-SRI and (ii) complete preparation work in support of the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project. Consequently, the impact of the TA is defined as "Improved urban environment, public health, and quality of life for urban and suburban residents in Greater Colombo" whilst its outcome is a Project design for improved wastewater management performance in Greater Colombo.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Recruitment of the consultants is expected to commence in October 2008.

**TA-6295-REG: Establishment of Regional Knowledge Hubs (Supplementary) (Regional)**

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : Not listed  
**Date Approved** : 14 May 2008

The original RETA budget of \$990,000 has been fully committed to support six knowledge hubs aimed as centers of excellence to: (i) promote growth of identified knowledge and technologies, (ii) translate or adopt national knowledge in these areas for local use, (iii) reduce domestic knowledge and skill gaps in these areas, and (iv) promote exchange of knowledge and information. The additional funding will support the establishment of a seventh hub on regional trade and investment cooperation and integration for which a letter of intent was signed on 21 November 2007.

**Status of Consulting Services** : No consulting services are required.

**TA-6416-REG: A Development Framework for Sustainable Urban Transport (2<sup>nd</sup> Supplementary) (Regional)**

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : Not listed

**Date Approved** : 14 August 2008

Work towards the preparation of a strategic framework for holistic urban transport policy development that will address emerging issues and provide safe, clean and reliable urban mobility has made good progress. Core messages from the study were presented at a regional workshop held back-to-back with an ADB Transport Forum during the second week of September 2008. The additional funding from the South East Asia Community Access Program enhanced the outcome of the RETA by allowing wider dissemination of outputs through participation from a larger range of developing member countries.

**Status of Consulting Services** : No consulting services are required.

**TA-6477-REG: Preparing a Response in the Pacific to High Prices (Regional)**

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 12 August 2008  
**Date Approved** : 12 August 2008

The purpose of the TA is to identify, develop, and implement a short, medium and long-term response plan to the commodity price increases in selected Pacific developing member countries (PDMCs). The TA outputs are: (i) to undertake a rapid impact assessment and identify the appropriate mix and sequencing of short and medium-term policies needed to support PDMCs, which allow for boarding adjustments to the structural increases in commodity prices, (ii) to strengthen social safety net, and (iii) to disseminate possible life skills to cope with the hardship situations through mass-media and public campaigns. To date, four consultants on Energy, Transport, Economics and Program Communication have been commissioned to undertake the above activities, and all of the activities envisaged under this TA are on-track. As of the end of September, PARD has utilized/committed 82% of the fund allocated to RETA 6477. PARD expects to complete the TA before March 2009.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Consultants' work ongoing.

**TA-6487-REG: South Asian Bond Markets Conference (Regional)**

**Executing Agency** : The World Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 66.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 12 September 2008  
**Date Approved** : 12 September 2008

The World Bank requested ADB to co-host the South Asia Bond Markets Conference in Hong Kong last 25 to 27 September 2008. The conference brought together around 83 delegates and participants which included central bankers, policy makers, financial practitioners and private sector participants from South Asia and selected representatives from East Asia and international organizations to raise awareness in the subregion on the need to accelerate the development of bond markets and explore ways to increase the availability of long term, local currency financing in the five countries in South Asia, namely: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

**Status of Consulting Services** : No consulting services are required.