

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS  
NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000 PER PROJECT  
December 2001**

**1. Central Depository Capacity Building, Bangladesh**

**Executing Agency** : Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)  
**TA Type** : Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : 23 October 2001  
**Date Approved** : 6 December 2001

**Project Description** :

The objective of the TA is to provide management and technical support to the Central Depository Bangladesh Ltd. (CDBL) to make the central depository fully operational by third quarter 2002. The TA also aims to help prepare a bankable private sector project that meets ADB's due diligence requirements for equity investments. The TA will provide general management advice and project management support to CDBL. The TA will provide technical advice in (i) defining the system requirements and refining the structure of the central depository system (CDS); (ii) planning and monitoring system development, installation, and testing; and (iii) preparing for system initiation and reviewing the design of training programs. The TA will also assist CDBL in the evaluation of bid proposals for a data communication network for the CDS.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Recruitment of consultants is underway.

**2. Preparation of the Medium-Term National Poverty Reduction Strategy, Azerbaijan**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Economy and Development  
**TA Type** : Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : 3 January 2001  
**Date Approved** : 07 December 2001

**Project Description** :

The main objective of this TA is to assist the Government in the formulation of a National Program for Poverty Reduction (NPPR). The specific objectives are to: (i) provide technical support to the Secretariat which is in-charge of coordinating the work of the 15 Sector Working Groups (SWGs) and of consolidating these reports into a comprehensive NPPR document; (ii) ensure the participation of major stakeholders in the preparation of the poverty reduction strategies for the 15 SWGs and the NPPR; and (iii) assist four SWGs in the preparation of Sector Policy Notes and the action and budget plans. The scope of the TA will focus on: (i) civil society participation process; (ii) advisory support for the SWG on Economic Development, specifically on the areas of regional economic development and refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), the SWG on Agriculture and Rural Development, and the SWG on Poverty Monitoring; and (iii) poverty monitoring indicators, poverty impact assessment modules, institutional mechanisms, and budget plans. It will also ensure that a comprehensive NPPR document is formulated in a participatory manner and can pave the way for the development of a Poverty Partnership Agreement between the Government and the ADB.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No action has been taken to recruit consultants.

### 3. Capacity Building for the National Policy on Involuntary Resettlement, Sri Lanka

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Lands (MLD), Central Environmental Authority (CEA), and Ministry of Forestry and Environment (MFE)
<b>TA Type</b>	:	Advisory and Operational
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	150.0
<b>ADBBO Listing</b>	:	9 October 2001
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	11 December 2001
<b>Project Description</b>	:	

The objective of the TA is to assist the Government in implementing the recently approved National Policy on Involuntary Resettlement (the Policy). Key activities to be undertaken are as follows: (i) prepare amendments to the Land Acquisition Act; (ii) strengthen capacity within CEA and MLD to implement the Policy; (iii) assist in preparing operational guidelines for implementing the Policy, a process manual for MLD, and resettlement planning guidelines for CEA; and (iv) assist with training line ministry staff, including provincial level staff. If funds are available, training will be extended to NGOs and external agencies as many of the activities required under resettlement planning and implementation will be outsourced.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Recruitment of consultants is underway.

### 4. Enhancement of the Social Security System, Maldives

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Finance and Treasury
<b>TA Type</b>	:	Advisory and Operational
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	150.0
<b>ADBBO Listing</b>	:	7 February 2001
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	12 December 2001

**Project Description** :

The objectives of the TA are to: (i) enhance the operational capacity and develop a consolidated social security system by strengthening the policy framework and administrative functions; (ii) determine priorities of the social security system, its effective coverage, and sustainability; and (iii) prepare a practical and workable step-by-step action plan to establish the recommended social security system.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Recruitment of consultants will commence by the end of January 2002.

### 5. Strengthening Energy Loss Reduction and Maintenance Management Capacity of the Electric Power Corporation, Samoa

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Electric Power Corporation (EPC)
<b>TA Type</b>	:	Advisory and Operational
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	150.0
<b>ADBBO Listing</b>	:	21 January 2001
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	17 December 2001

**Project Description** :

The TA will assist EPC in strengthening its management capacity to improve its performance and asset utilization efficiency. The specific objectives are to help (i) improve EPC's maintenance capacity to reduce the frequency and duration of power outages and maintenance costs, and (ii) strengthen EPC's capacity to reduce energy loss in a cost-effective manner. The consultants will undertake these tasks: (i) assess EPC's current maintenance practices, make

recommendations for improvements; assess available software packages, recommend the best suited to EPC, install and test the software, and train the EPC staff; and (ii) review the historical energy loss data; evaluate the DigSilent power software, compute the energy technical losses of the EPC power system, estimate nontechnical energy loss, and develop a cost-effective strategy to reduce the system's total energy loss.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No action has been taken to recruit consultants.

## 6. Nature Reserve Management Plan in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (GZAR), People's Republic of China

**Executing Agency** : Guangxi Forestry Department (GFD)  
**TA Type** : Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : 8 August 2001  
**Date Approved** : 19 December 2001

### **Project Description** :

The TA will help prepare an integrated management plan for three nature reserves: Fushui Papeng, Chongzuo Banli, and Longrui in GZAR. It will assist GFD and the concerned county governments (Fusui, Chongzuo, Ningming, and Langzou) to improve management of the three Nature Reserves through an integrated approach of nature reserve conservation and rural development that includes reducing population pressure by developing options for income-generating activities and rural energy sources. The TA will help the local authorities strengthen habitat and species conservation of the endangered langur species, and undertake pilot activities for alleviating pressures on the Nature Reserve areas.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No action has been taken to recruit consultants.

## 7. Strengthening of the Public Accounting System (PAS), Maldives

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Finance and Treasury (MoFT)  
**TA Type** : Project Preparatory  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : 13 November 2001  
**Date Approved** : 19 December 2001

### **Project Description** :

The objective of the TA is to prepare the proposed PAS project implementing a computerized, double entry, cash-based, public accounting system with a central ledger and a cheque production unit under the control of MoFT. The TA will be designed to ensure that the components are technically, financially and economically feasible. The scope of the TA will be to (i) conduct a complete feasibility study or assessment (status of project preparation, legislation passing schedule, financing and implementation, arrangement for procurement and consultation, and the Government sector reorganization for changing the public accounting procedure, as a loan project); (ii) complete draft Financial Act, Audit Act, and Public Enterprise Act, and related regulations and rules for implementing the project; (iii) ensure the feasibility of the information technology component and identify the probable interface with the Information Technology Development Project in 2002; and (iv) conduct an impact analysis of the project on improving the governance and the financial control over the public funds, social aspects and poverty reduction.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Recruitment of consultants will commence by the end of January 2002.

**8. Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities (CAI-Asia), Regional**

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Type** : Others  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : 25 June 2001  
**Date Approved** : 19 December 2001

**Project Description** :

The primary objectives of the CAI-Asia are to share knowledge and best practices on air quality management, improve policy and regulatory frameworks at the regional level, promote integrated air quality management strategies and undertake selected pilot projects to encourage innovation to address mobile, stationary and area sources of air pollution. The key focus of the TA is to support the establishment of CAI-Asia in its inception stage and provide the necessary platform for launching air quality management activities.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No action has been taken to recruit consultants.