

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000 PER PROJECT
August 2004**

1. Institutionalization of Participatory Approaches to Shelter Provision, Indonesia

Executing Agency : Directorate General of Housing and Settlements
TA Type : Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000) : 50.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed^a
Date Approved : 2 August 2004

Project Description :

The objective of the TA is to institutionalize participatory processes of shelter provision at the local level and to design national-level support systems for this approach. The scope of the TA is to (i) document the participatory processes adopted by the PPTA consultants and design support systems for this approach; and (ii) prepare the participating local governments and local financial institutions for participation in the Neighborhood Upgrading and Shelter Sector Project focusing on strengthening participatory processes for shelter provision and finance for poor communities.

Status of Consulting Services: Direct selection of consultants has been approved.

2. Feasibility Study on the Yevlax-Ganja Road Rehabilitation, Azerbaijan

Executing Agency : Ministry of Transport
TA Type : Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 20 November 2001
Date Approved : 12 August 2004

Project Description :

The purpose of the TA is to increase the efficiency and safety of transport on the east-west road corridor. The output of the TA is the preparation of an updated feasibility study on the Yevlax-Ganja road rehabilitation project suitable for ADB financing. The feasibility study will cover (i) technical, economic, social, and environmental assessments of the Project; and (ii) an analysis of Azerbaijan's road sector to identify major issues to be addressed under the Project.

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

^a Waiver to publish in ADB Business Opportunities approved by Management.

3. Uttaranchal Power Sector Development, India

Executing Agency : Government of Uttaranchal State
 Energy and Irrigation Department
TA Type : Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 3 June 2004
Date Approved : 23 August 2004

Project Description :

The TA will assist the Uttaranchal government to prepare a project covering part of the Phase I transmission system and hydropower investments in the Yamuna, Bhagirathi, and Alaknanda river basins. The objectives of the ensuing loan project are to provide optimized power system expansion of the northern grid and increase the pace of economic development in less developed regions in Uttaranchal state. The project supports Government goal of providing universal power service by 2012.

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

4. Fourteenth Tax Conference, Regional

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Conference
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 13 April 2004
Date Approved : 9 August 2004

Project Description :

The overall goal of the TA is to contribute to the development of human resources for economic growth and poverty reduction. The main objectives of the Conference are (i) to offer a capacity building opportunity through the exchange of views, experiences and new knowledge in international taxation for policy design and administration; and (ii) to provide a forum that will encourage mutual understanding and cooperation among tax policymakers and senior officials from DMCs of the region, in particular, on emerging issues of taxation.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultant is required.

5. Regional Workshops in Preparation for the Second High-Level Forum on Harmonization and Alignment for Aid Effectiveness (HLF-2), Regional

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Conference
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 28 June 2004
Date Approved : 30 August 2004

Project Description :

The overall objective of the TA is to contribute to the ongoing global effort to increase the effectiveness of development assistance through harmonization, alignment, partnership, and managing for development results (MfDR). Through the conduct of regional workshops, the purposes of the TA are (i) to disseminate country-based knowledge and experiences about development effectiveness including harmonization, alignment, MfDR, and partnership that would provide a sound basis for discussions at HLF-2, and contribute to the “regionalization” and overall achievement of the Global Action Plan on MfDR; and (ii) to raise awareness of DMCs about best practices in enhancing development effectiveness including harmonization, alignment, partnership, and MfDR.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultant is required.