

**MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
(31 December 2005)**

1. PAK-4718: Independent Monitoring of Remedial Actions for the Chashma Right Bank Irrigation Project, Stage III (Advisory)

Counterpart Agencies : Ministry of Water and Power, Water and Power Development Authority, and the Governments of North-West Frontier Province and Punjab
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 27 September 2005
Date Approved : 8 December 2005

The impact of the TA is to contribute to adequate mitigation of the adverse impacts of Chashma Right Bank Irrigation Project, Stage III and address the concerns of the affected people. The outcome is to contribute to effective implementation of the Inspection Panel's recommendations.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

2. PAK-4719: Additional Works for Preparation of the Hill Torrents Management Project (Advisory)

Executing Agency : Irrigation and Power Department of the Government of Punjab
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 27 September 2005
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The TA will help the Government of Punjab complete the design of the proposed hill torrent management project for the three hill torrents located in the Chashma Right Bank Canal area, namely, Sanghar, Vehowa, and Kaura hill torrents. The proposed Project intends to (i) reduce flood incidents in the alluvial fan areas and Indus riverine area located in the upper and lower slope of the command area of the Chashma Right Bank Irrigation Project, and (ii) increase agricultural production in the alluvial fan area.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

3. PAK-4734: Punjab Resource Management Program (Subprogram 3) (Advisory)

Executing Agency : Planning and Development Department
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 11 November 2005
Date Approved : 14 December 2005

The TA's purpose is to provide advice for the implementation of subprogram 2 and for further broad-based policy reforms through the preparation of subprogram 3. Policy reforms under the Punjab Resource Management Program (PRMP) are divided into three areas: (i) fiscal and financial management, (ii) processes and institutions for pro-poor service delivery, and (iii) private sector development. PRMP will achieve its purpose when policy reforms result in public resource management that is efficient, cost-effective, transparent, and accountable and leads to higher equity and sustainability.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

4. RETA-6283: Support to ADB-IDB Partnership Agreement (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 75.0
ADBBO Listing : 16 May 2005
Date Approved : 12 December 2005

The impact of Asian Development Bank (ADB) to the ADB-Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Partnership Agreement will be greater inter- and intra-regional knowledge sharing among Latin American and the Caribbean and East Asian countries. The outcome will be strengthened partnership of IDB and ADB, each of which has developed distinct knowledge and skills-based competencies that can be shared with other regional bodies.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

5. RETA-6284: Development of Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanisms (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 28 February 2005
Date Approved : 9 December 2005

The TA seeks to help expand the use of catastrophe risk insurance with the aim of reducing the fiscal and economic volatility and social impact arising from natural disasters. It is anticipated that Asian Development Bank and developing member country (DMC) decision makers will utilize TA recommendations 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.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

6. RETA-6286: Capacity Building of Private Sector Financial Institutions in Meeting Environmental and Social Challenges (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 16 September 2005
Date Approved : 13 December 2005

The impact of the TA will be improved corporate environmental and social governance of private sector financial institutions in participating developing member countries. As the expected outcome, Asian Development Bank's private sector financial intermediary clients will apply the knowledge and skills acquired from training to establish an appropriate environmental and social management system – a tool to manage non-financial risks and maintain competitive business advantage.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants required.

7. RETA-6287: Support to Boao Forum for Asia 2006 (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 50.0
ADBBO Listing : 16 May 2005
Date Approved : 16 December 2005

The impact of Asian Development Bank support to the Boao Forum for Asia will be greater knowledge by key stakeholders of the benefits of regional cooperation and the potential such cooperation creates for increased private sector investment, security and economic development. The outcome will be to showcase cooperative efforts for enhanced funding of Export-Import and export credit agency.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultant is underway.

8. RETA-6290: International Conference 'Asia 2015: Ending Poverty?'(Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 11 October 2005
Date Approved : 19 December 2005

The TA aims to address the need for coordinated and focused development assistance in Asia, for which the planned conference could provide a forum for discussions. The conference will examine the Asian development experience, drawing on work underway in Asia, sharing lessons and looking at future challenges.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants required.

9. RETA-6303: Competition Law and Policy Roundtable (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed¹
Date Approved : 21 December 2005

The impact envisaged by the TA is Asian competition authorities that more effectively implement competition laws and policies. The outcome of the TA is competition authorities' increased understanding of Asian competition laws and policies and their identification of: (1) capacity development needs, (2) competition law enforcement-related problems, (3) regional best practices that offer possible solutions, and (4) relevant Asian Development Bank knowledge tools and support.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants required.

¹ Waiver to publish in ADB Business Opportunities approved by Management.