

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

1. Improving Risk Management in the Viet Nam Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam

Executing Agency : Viet Nam Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (VBARD)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 22 August 2003
Date Approved : 21 September 2004

Project Description :

The purpose of the TA is to assist VBARD to improve its credit risk management. Specifically, it will assist VBARD to establish a credit rating system for corporate customers and individual borrowers, establish a system to measure credit portfolio risk and set exposure limits, and establish a loan classification and provisioning system consistent with international accounting standards.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

2. Supporting Network of Research Institutes and Think Tanks in South Asia, Regional

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Study
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 30 July 2004
Date Approved : 30 September 2004

Project Description :

The objective of the TA is to promote regional cooperation in South Asia by (i) strengthening the current initiatives and networks of research institutes and think tanks and enhancing the scope of analytical work undertaken; (ii) increasing interaction among regional experts, and (iii) widening the dissemination of research material that supports regional cooperation. The initiatives supported by the TA will complement the other regional cooperation efforts of government agencies and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation secretariat.

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