

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

1. Education Sector Development Policy and Strategy, Nepal

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Conference
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 6 February 2004
Date Approved : 12 April 2004

Project Description :

The main objective of the TA will be to assist the Government in formulating an education sector development policy and strategy that aims at improving service delivery in school education in light of national goals for poverty reduction and human development. The education sector development policy and strategy should define proposed reforms for integrated planning, management, and delivery of school education, key policy implementation strategies, and required interventions to strengthen capacity for implementation.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway; fielding is expected in June 2004.

2. Capacity Building in the Ministry of Planning and Finance (MPF) to Monitor the National Development Plan, Timor-Leste

Executing Agency : National Directorate for Planning and External Assistance Coordination (NDPEAC)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 15 March 2004
Date Approved : 22 April 2004

Project Description :

The objective of this TA is to assist the Government to improve its capacity to monitor the implementation of the National Development Plan. The TA will support the enhancement of the key tools used by the Government to monitor the execution of programs and activities of government agencies and the coordination of all external assistance programs. The main outputs of the TA will be (i) an enhanced automated system for planning, monitoring and reporting programs, activities and performance at agency level, which connects to other key MPF systems; (ii) to enhance the registry of external assistance data to ensure the quality of the outputs of the Sector Expenditure Program exercise; and (iii) increased skills, knowledge and expertise in using the Reporting, Evaluation and Monitoring and Registry of External Assistance systems and processes in the line agencies and in NDPEAC.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants has been completed and fielding is expected in May 2004.

3. **Strengthening Public Sector Banking and Cash Management, Fiji Islands**

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance and National Planning
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 145.0
ADBBO Listing : 28 January 2004
Date Approved : 28 April 2004

Project Description :

The purpose of the TA is to generate savings for the Government through implementation of new banking and cash management arrangements. Outputs of the TA will be a new framework in the management of banking and cash management and its implementation, plus on the job training to local staff as well as a detailed procedures manual.

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