

TENTH SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE July–December 2006

Cooperation Fund in Support of the Formulation and Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategies (NPRS)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This Semi-Annual Progress Update (the Update) summarizes the activities and progress made under the Cooperation Fund in Support of the Formulation and Implementation of National Poverty Reduction strategies (NPRS) covering the period July to December 2006. This Update includes the summary of portfolio as of 31 December 2006 (Appendix 1), disbursement progress in the reporting period (Appendix 2) and description of the progress made in all technical assistance (TA) projects financed by the NPRS (Appendix 3). This will be followed by analysis of key achievements in fund management and the work program for the following six-monthly report.
2. The Update has been prepared by the Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The next Update (January–June 2007) will be submitted in August 2007.

II. OVERVIEW OF NPRS PORTFOLIO AND PIPELINE

3. **Portfolio Information.** The overall portfolio as of 31 December 2006 is summarized as follows:
 - **Overall commitment.** Overall commitment remains the same as the fund has been fully committed in 2005. The committed portfolio includes 19 TAs amounting to \$6.93 million.¹ This is 90% of the total contribution of \$7.66 in US dollar terms (value of €6,806,703.24 as of 31 December 2006). The list of TAs financed by NPRS is attached as Appendix 1.
 - **Portfolio Composition.** The status of these 19 TAs is broken down as follows:

i.	Completed ²	10 TAs	\$ 2,048,494
ii.	Under Implementation	9 TAs	\$ 4,751,500

As of 31 December 2006, of the 19 projects, five have been completed and financially closed with actual disbursements amounting to \$1,179,994 from the original commitment of \$1,307,000. Five TAs with commitment of \$868,500 have completed the activities and are awaiting financial closing. This makes the total portfolio size \$6,799,994 against the originally committed \$6,927,000. The list of approved projects is in Appendix 1.

¹ (i) In this report, "\$" refers to US dollars;

² Five of the ten TAs that are not yet financially closed are included in the figure of completed TAs given that all project activities have been completed as of December 2006. Figure was arrived at by adding the total utilized funds for financially completed TAs and the committed amounts for TAs that have completed activities but not yet financially closed.

- **Summary of Portfolio Development for the Period July–December 2006.** For the review period, no new proposals were accepted given the full commitment of the NPRS Fund in 2005. By September 2005, all TAs have been approved by ADB. During the review period, an additional four TAs have completed all its activities.
- **Fund Disbursement.** The total fund committed by the donors to the NPRS amounts to \$7,665,515.47 (value of €6,806,703.24 as of 31 December 2006). Out of this, the total remittance to ADB from the donors amounts to \$5,434,361, 54% of this or \$4,118,826.27 has been disbursed by 31 December 2006. The details on disbursement in NPRS-supported projects is summarized in the table below:

Cumulative Remittance to ADB (as of 30 June 2006)	\$5,434,361.28
Gain/(Loss) from income/forex transactions	\$139,807.89
Cumulative Disbursement (as of 31 December 2005)	\$3,492,324.16
Disbursements: Jul–Dec 2006	\$428,688.95
ADB Administration Cost and Bank Charges	\$197,813.16
Total Disbursement as of 31 December 2007	\$4,118,826.27

Project disbursement for July–December 2006 period was \$428,688.95. This is lower than the previous six-monthly period (January–June 2006: \$769,981; and July–December 2005: \$875,395). Attached as Appendix 2 is the Status of Grant and Statement of TA Expenditures.

- **Content Analysis.** As no new proposals were solicited and processed during the review period, the characteristics of the 19 TAs³ under the NPRS by type of assistance, sector, thematic area, and region remained the same.

III. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN FUND MANAGEMENT: JULY–DECEMBER 2006

4. The following summarizes the key activities carried out by ADB for NPRS fund management during the period in review:

- **Regional TA on Knowledge Management.** In November 2005, a regional technical assistance (RETA 6270) on *Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects*, financed by the PRF, was approved to strengthen knowledge generation, collation, and dissemination related to NPRS and PRF projects. Given the full commitment of the Fund, the Secretariat focused on knowledge management/dissemination related to NPRS and PRF projects through this RETA. Part A of the project focuses on knowledge product development and Part B on knowledge management program coordination. Outputs expected include, among others, short and in-depth case studies and thematic synthesis studies of selected NPRS and PRF TAs. During the review period, 3 feature articles, 20 draft short case studies, and preliminary working drafts of 11 in-depth case studies have been prepared of which 2 were for NPRS financed TAs. The short case studies are in various stages of review/clearance,

³ See footnote 2.

of which four have been finalized and published by the end of 2006. The case studies produced under the RETA will be one of the primary source for NPRS-PRF press releases and other written products (news stories and features; photo-essays), and for dissemination to the broader community of practice and the public. Further to the development of case studies, a review mission was undertaken in November-December 2006 on selected TAs in the GMS.

The secretariat also coordinated with the Poverty Unit and NPRS-PRF materials have been integrated in the revamped poverty website (<http://www.adb.org/poverty/nprs-prf.asp>) launched during the International Poverty Week (16-21 October 2006). The culminating activity is a regional exchange workshop of NPRS-PRF in Manila planned for November 2007.

In addition, the maiden issue of the NPRS-PRF e-newsletter was initially circulated internally in the third quarter of 2006 for testing and later posted on the website⁴ for public consumption featuring an interview with a NPRS-PRF champion (an ADB staff from the Office of the General Counsel), feature articles, and case studies related to NPRS and PRF TAs. The NPRS-PRF received positive and constructive feedback on the first issue. The e-newsletter will be produced quarterly with four issues planned in 2007.

- **Special Review Missions.** The Coordinator carried out a special review mission from 20-29 November to Lao PDR, Thailand, and Cambodia. The objective of the mission was to review the progress made in selected TAs financed by NPRS and PRF and to collect information relevant to case studies being prepared under RETA 6270: Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro Poor Policies and Projects. The following NPRS financed TAs was covered by the Mission:
 - Lao TA 4627: Public Expenditure Planning for National Growth and Poverty Eradication [NPRS]
 - RETA 6171: Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the Greater Mekong Subregion [NPRS]
 - CAM TA 3955: Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission [NPRS and PRF]

Overall, the Mission observed that the TAs visited in Lao PDR provided the country with significant opportunities for policy impact analysis and on-the-job learning opportunities for government staff, local researchers and community groups. For Cambodia, the common feature observed of the three TAs covered was the growing interest of the role of the private sector in poverty reduction. At the same time, other TAs are clearly pointing out the growing evidence that the poor and vulnerable (e.g., ethnic minorities, and women and children among them) are losing out in the dynamic economic regional integration. It was the Mission's view that there was a need to develop a strategic view on how to assist the Government to utilize these research findings to improve their policy development and implementation. Information collected by the Mission will feed into the case studies being prepared by the consultants under RETA 6270.

⁴ <http://www.adb.org/Documents/Periodicals/NPRS-PRF/newsletter/default.asp?p=nprs>

- **Submission of January-June 2006 Progress Update.** The January–June 2006 Progress Update was prepared, submitted, and posted on the NPRS website.
- **Website.** The NPRS website (<http://adb.org/nprs/>) has been continuously updated during the review period. The NPRS and PRF websites have been reviewed in the latter part of 2006 and are given a face-lift to make it more attractive to the larger community of practice. The revamped NPRS and PRF websites will be launched in the first quarter of 2007.
- **Other accomplishments in fund management include:**
 - i. Continued consultation with project officers and close monitoring of progress of NPRS-funded TAs under implementation;
 - ii. Regular updating of the NPRS website (<http://adb.org/nprs/>) which involves preparation of web contents for the NPRS website, posting of events, related links, and other reports;
 - iii. Close liaison with the PRF and other poverty and thematic trust funds; and
 - iv. Regular coordination with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Board of Directors' office, as necessary.
- The NPRS-PRF Secretariat strengthened its assistance to project officers with TAs under implementation with the special focus on knowledge dissemination through the website and more recently through the NPRS-PRF e-newsletter. Cost-sharing support to review missions was provided for TAs that needed closer monitoring. In 2006, the Secretariat had closer communication with the project officers regarding the TAs progress to ensure timely implementation. This has resulted in a better submission rate of the six-monthly progress report in 2006.

IV. OVERALL ASSESSMENT AND KEY IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

5. **Pace of Disbursement.** The total disbursement for the period under review was lower than the previous six-monthly period. From \$769,981 in January to June 2006, it went down to \$428,688. The total cumulative disbursement of \$4,118,826.27 as of 31 December 2006 is 54% of the total funds committed by the donors (value of contribution as of 31 December 2006). The slower disbursement in the latter part of 2006 could be attributed to the fact that the disbursement curve picked up in 2005 as the program approaches closure. Also a contributing factor is the delay encountered in the implementation of TA 4644-VIE: *Support to Hue and Quang Tri Provinces for Formulating Sustainable Poverty Reduction and Growth Programs* account for 13% of total commitment of which only 2% has been disbursed though implementation has started to pick up. In addition, disbursement for a few TAs remained slow even though implementation is already progressing (e.g., cofinanced TA where amount funded from other sources was utilized first, delays in consultants' claims, etc.). The remaining nine TA's are expected to be completed by December 2007.

6. **Disbursement Projections.** Taking into consideration actual disbursement and the expected completion of TAs by December 2007, a total of \$2.17 million is projected to be disbursed for 2007

7. **Progress in TAs under Implementation.** Across the 15 TAs under implementation during the review period, the implementation pace of each TA has been generally on track though three encountered some delays. Implementation of TAs that initially encountered delays started to pick up in the latter part of 2006. During the review period, four additional TAs were completed bringing the total completed TAs to 10. We expect that most key activities of the remaining nine ongoing TAs will be completed by the end of 2007 followed by necessary steps for financial closing.

Nearing Completion/Completed

- Activities of the following TAs have been completed as of 31 December 2006: CAM 3955-*Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission*; CAM 4037-*Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy*; MLD 4591-*Developing a Results-Oriented 7th National Development Plan*; MON 4383-*Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring*; REG 6177-*Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction Strategies in Four Central Asian Republics*; REG 6242-*Developing New Policy Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihoods Protection and Natural Resources Management*; REG 6120-*Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction*; REG 6047-*National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific Developing Member Countries*; REG 6006-*Regional Conference on Poverty Reduction Strategies*; and VIE 4252-*Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Viet Nam*. Detailed descriptions of these projects are in Appendix 3.
- UZB 3781 (*Comprehensive Medium-Term Strategy for Improving the Living Standards of the People of Uzbekistan*) is nearing completion as most components have been completed in early 2005. What remained was the statistical component under which the TA assists the Government to develop and use improved methodology for household budget surveys. This was carried out in 2006, and the informal feedback from the State Statistics Committee was very positive.
- The following TAs are also nearing completion: PAK 4277 (*Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan*) and REG 6171 (*Reviewing the Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS*). PAK 4277 supports the poverty reduction specialist in ADB's Pakistan Resident Mission. The poverty reduction specialist has been assisting the PRSP Secretariat in preparation of PRSP II. In addition, assistance has also been provided in analyzing and preparing the PRSP quarterly reports, among others. The TA is expected to be completed by January 2007. REG 6171 completed most of its activities in 2006, however, project was extended to March 2007 given the preparation time needed for the final regional workshop and the need to publish and disseminate the findings of the TA.

On Schedule

- LAO 4627 (*Public Expenditure Planning for National Growth and Poverty Eradication*) aims to contribute to improved capacity of the Government in planning public expenditure in accordance with the National Social and Economic Development Plan (NSEDPP). Though some procedural delays were encountered, activities picked up in the second half of 2006. The TA is generally on schedule.

- SRI 4278 (*Poverty Assessment and Information Management*) implementation in the beginning was hampered due to the Tsunami in December 2004 and the consequent prioritization of operational activities in the country. However, activities picked up in 2006 with the inception phase having been completed and participatory consultations conducted.
- REG 6157 (*Strengthened Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific*) builds on a previous REG 6047 (*National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific developing member Countries*). The TA will undertake a range of capacity building initiatives in selected Pacific DMCs, including (a) data collection, analysis, and dissemination; (b) participatory policy development; and (c) monitoring of poverty impacts of policies and programs. The TA's implementation is on schedule.

Slow Start/Delays

- VIE 4644 (*Support to Thua Thien Hue and Quang Tri Provinces for Sustainable Poverty Reduction and Growth Program*) aims to help the Thua Thien Hue and Quang Tri provinces in Viet Nam to strengthen their capacity to formulate and implement provincial poverty reduction and growth programs. Initial delay was encountered in the signing of the TA letter of agreement with the Government which subsequently slightly delayed the recruitment of consultants. Implementation picked up in the latter part of 2006 and the TA is now on track having completed the inception phase.
- AZE 4621 (*Participatory Strategy Development and Implementation for Achieving the MDGs*) was designed to assist in developing the MDG planning and monitoring capacity of Azerbaijan's Ministry of Economic Development (MOED), the lead task center for State Programme on Poverty Reduction and Economic Development (SPPRED) 2003-2005. The TA encountered in the beginning delays in its implementation due to the reasons cited in the previous progress report. Implementation picked up though it and again slowed down in the latter part of 2006 after the evaluation of SPPRED 2003-2005 was completed. The SPPRED 2003-2005 evaluation provided the necessary input in the preparation of the country's next phase of its poverty reduction strategy, and a draft strategy for achieving the country's MDG targets were produced. These were submitted to the Government in June 2006; however, MOED has yet to provide any response on the evaluation report. Given that the Long-Term Socio-economic Development Strategy for Azerbaijan will be completed shortly, under discussion is to explore new ways to make better use and the possibility of utilizing the remaining TA funds to support a similar poverty initiative called the Bakus Consensus modeled along the line of the Copenhagen Consensus.
- REG 6176 (*Building Capacity for Participatory Development Activities to promote Poverty Reduction*) intends to support participatory approaches and consultative processes in ADB-assisted projects and country strategy formulation. Since its approval in July 2004, however, the TA has encountered delays in contracting consultants, identifying counterpart projects and strategies, and obtaining government concurrences. In 2006, the implementation accelerated with three workshops being planned to promote participatory approaches (Kyrgyz Republic, Azerbaijan, and Mongolia), but the last two countries requested for further postponement for the reasons outside of the TA. As a result, the implementation

suffered in 2006 as well. In 2007, support to one Mongolia workshop and two ADB's country strategy consultative processes are expected to be completed by June 2007, which is the renewed closing date of the TA.

7. Of the four core categories of TA emphasis, majority of the six additionally completed TAs in 2006 (VIE 4252, CAM 3955, MON 4383, REG 6177, REG 6047, REG 6242) provided significant collaborative support either by assisting the covered DMCs to formulate their national poverty/development plans and strategies, assisting in the analytical process underlying poverty assessment, or in the consultation and participatory process. The majority of the completed TAs met its original TA objectives although for REG 6242, the second part of the TA relating to field activities was dropped due to a shift in the governance priorities of the countries identified in the study produced by the TA. The report produced under the TA is expected to be edited for wider dissemination in early 2007. Of the six completed TAs, REG 6047 resulted in a follow-up TA. Two of the completed TAs (VIE 4525 and CAM 3955) including PAK 4277 that is nearing completion financed the placement of locally-engaged long-term poverty reduction specialists in ADB resident missions cofinanced by the PRF. The poverty specialists provided valuable assistance from gathering data to produce accurate statistics on poverty, to creating strategies and action plans on how to address it in their respective countries.

V. WORK PROGRAM FOR JANUARY–JUNE 2006

9. For January–June 2007, the following activities will comprise the key work program:

- Continue to collect, monitor, and analyze relevant TA reports to ensure the implementation and disbursements of the NPRS-financed TAs are on schedule for the completion of activities by December 2007 and subsequent closure of the program by January 2008.
- Comply with the reporting requirements, including one annual report, two semi-annual progress updates, and quarterly financial statements, all of which to be posted on the website.
- Ensure evaluation of the Fund in 2007.
- Continue to strengthen knowledge management and communication and outreach through the timely implementation of RETA 6270 which involves producing NPRS-PRF knowledge products such as short and in-depth case studies, and thematic synthesis papers, among others that will be disseminated through various mediums such as the NPRS-PRF e-newsletter.
- Revamp the NPRS website to further strengthen and expand outreach with additional knowledge products and feature stories/articles.
- Preparation of two NPRS-PRF e-newsletters.

- Preparations for the Donors-ADB 8th NPRS-PRF Strategy Meeting, scheduled for 5-6 February 2007, and continue dialogue and liaison with the Netherlands and other routine fund management tasks.

List of Appendixes

- Appendix 1: List of NPRS Projects Endorsed for Funding
- Appendix 2: NPRS – Status of Grant and Statement of Expenditures (As of 31 December 2006)
- Appendix 3: Detailed Status of NPRS-Endorsed Projects Under Implementation (As of 31 December 2006)

Projects Financed by NPRS

Appendix 2

Region	Country	TA No.	Project Title	NPRS Contribution	Actual Utilization	Project Officer	Division	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval ²	Remarks
A. PROJECTS COMPLETED										
CWRD	SUB-REG	6177	Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction Strategies in Central Asia Region	350,000		M. Prina	CWSS	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	Activities completed. For financial closure.
EARD	MON	4383	Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring (PPAM)	300,000		S. Handayani	EASS	Jan-04	31-Aug-04	Activities completed. For financial closure.
PARD	SUB-REG	6047	National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific Developing Member Countries	500,000	470,648	S. Pollard	PAHQ	Jul-02	06-Sep-02	Activities completed. Financially closed on 10 August 2006.
SARD	MLD	4591	Development of a Results-Oriented 7th National Development Plan	377,000	374,271	Z. Farhadian-Lorie	SAOC	Mar-05	25-May-05	Activities completed. Financially closed on 31 May 2006.
SERD	CAM	3955	Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission (Extension)	31,500		C. Ouch	CARM	Jul-03	16-Dec-03	TASF \$18,000; PRF \$78,500. Activities completed. For financial closure.
SERD	CAM	4037	Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy	80,000	33,191	C. Ouch	CARM	Nov-01	16-Dec-02	Activities completed. Financially closed 26 May 2005.
SERD	VIE	4252	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Viet Nam	37,000		K. Lao-Araya	VRM	Jul-03	12-Dec-03	TASF \$15,000; PRF \$73,000; Previous project officer: R. Adhikari
REG	INTER-REG	6006	Regional Conference on National Poverty Reduction Strategies	50,000	31,952	B. Dark	SPPI	Nov-01	21-Nov-01	Activities completed. Financially closed on 31 July 2002.
REG	INTER-REG	6120	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	300,000	269,932	A. Weber	SANS	Dec-02	27-Aug-03	Activities completed. Financially closed 11 September 2006.
SERD	LAO/VIE	6242	Developing New Policy Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihood Protection and Natural Resource Management among Ethnic Minorities of GMS: A Study of Policies and their Impacts, Strategies for Change.	150,000		M. Mitra	SEAE	Nov-04	17-May-05	Activities completed.
	10		Sub-Total	\$2,175,500						
B. PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION										
CWRD	AZE	4621	Participatory Strategy Development and Implementation for Achieving the MDGs	650,000		P. Chang	AZRM	Nov-04	21-Jul-05	TASF \$200,000
CWRD	PAK	4277	Supporting of Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	31,500		F. Noshab	PRM	Jul-03	18-Dec-03	TASF \$39,000; PRF \$63,500
CWRD	UZB	3781	Comprehensive Medium-Term Strategy for Improving the Living Standards of the People of Uzbekistan	570,000		R. Abdukayumov	URM	Nov-01	28-Nov-01	TASF \$230,000
PARD	SUB-REG	6157	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	400,000		K. Taniguchi	PAHQ	Dec-02	18-Dec-03	PRF\$400,000; TASF\$200,000
SARD	SRI	4278	Poverty Assessment and Information Management	350,000		J. Boestel	SLRM	Jul-03	18-Dec-03	
SERD	LAO	4627	Public Expenditure Planning for National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (NGPES)	700,000		V. Tan	SEGF	Dec-04	02-Aug-05	Previous project officer: S. Hattori
SERD	SUB-REG	6171	Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS	850,000		M. Mitra	SEAE	Jul-03	06-May-04	Additional \$100,000 TA budget approved on 09 June 2005
SERD	VIE	4644	Support to Hue and Quang Tri Provinces for Formulating Sustainable Poverty Reduction and Growth Programs	900,000		O. Shrestha	VRM	Mar-05	07-Sep-05	Previous project officer: R. Adhikari
REG	INTER-REG	6176	Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operation	300,000		S. Tanaka	RSGS	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	PRF \$300,000
	9		Sub-total	\$4,751,500						
	19		Grand Total	\$6,927,000						

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
ADMINISTRATOR FOR
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND
COOPERATION FUND FOR NATIONAL POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES
(GOVERNMENT OF NETHERLANDS)

STATUS OF GRANT (CONTRIBUTION)
as of 31 December 2006
(Amounts in US dollar)

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED (Euro 6,806,703.24)		6,738,365.83 ^{a/}
Gain (Loss) arising from change in value of currency		<u>927,149.64</u>
Amount received	5,434,361.28	
Receivable from Government of Netherlands	<u>2,231,154.19</u> ^{b/}	7,665,515.47
Add: Income from investment	70,960.70	
Interest income	70,641.83	
Gain (loss) on foreign exchange transactions	<u>(1,794.64)</u>	<u>139,807.89</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		7,805,323.36
Amounts utilized for:		
Project expenditures (Statement 2)	(3,921,013.11)	
ADB administration cost	(196,050.66)	
Bank charges	<u>(1,762.50)</u>	<u>(4,118,826.27)</u>
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		3,686,497.09 ^{c/}
Less: Outstanding commitments	(2,878,981.17)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(143,949.06)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(3,022,930.23)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		<u><u>663,566.86</u></u>

^{a/} Represents the sum of utilized and unutilized contributions expressed in US\$ equivalents.

^{b/} Undrawn contributions in local currency are translated at the applicable exchange rate as of 31 December 2006.

^{c/} Represented by:

Cash	1,385,336.92
Undrawn contribution - Receivable from the Government of Netherlands (Contribution of Euro 6,806,703.24 less Euro 5,116,307.20)	2,231,154.19
Interfund receivable	2,758.50
Advances	74,847.80
Interfund payable	<u>(7,600.32)</u>

3,686,497.09

^{d/} Represents five percent (5%) of outstanding commitments/TAs approved but not yet effective.

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Statement of TA Expenditures - Cooperation Fund for the National Poverty Reduction Strategies
(Government of Netherlands)
As of 31 December 2006
(Expressed in US dollars)

TA Title	TA No./Type	Date of Approval	TA Amount ^{1/}	Amount Received	Project Expenditures ^{2/}			Outstanding Commitments	Expected TA Completion Date	Completed TAs	
					Cumulative up to 31/12/05	Transactions 01/06-31/12/06	Cumulative up to 31/12/06			Unutilized Commitment (Savings)	Financial Completion Date
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(F) = (A) - (E)	(G)	(H) = (A) - (E)	(I)
<u>Azerbaijan</u>											
Participatory Strategy Development & Implementation for Achieving the MDG	4621/AO	21Jul05	650,000.00		24,588.00	250,038.80	274,626.80	375,373.20	20-Nov-07		
<u>Cambodia</u>											
Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy	4037/AO	16Dec02	33,190.74		33,190.74	-	33,190.74	-		-	May-05
Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission	3955/AO	30Oct02	31,500.00		9,229.90	-	9,229.90	22,270.10	30-Oct-06		
Total Cambodia			64,690.74		42,420.64	-	42,420.64	22,270.10			
<u>Lao's People Democratic Republic</u>											
Public Expenditure Planning for National Growth & Poverty Eradication Strategy	4627/AO	02Aug05	700,000.00		-	323,111.54	323,111.54	376,888.46	31-Dec-07		
<u>Maldives</u>											
Developing a Results-Oriented 7th National Development Plan	4591/AO	25May05	374,271.00		298,440.00	75,831.00	374,271.00	-		-	May-06
<u>Mongolia</u>											
Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring	4383/AO	31Aug04	300,000.00		163,079.92	83,987.16	247,067.08	52,932.92	31-Oct-06		
<u>Pakistan</u>											
Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	4277AO	18Dec03	31,500.00		26,571.32	4,659.68	31,231.00	269.00	31-Jan-07		
<u>Sri Lanka</u>											
Poverty Assessment and Information Management	4278/AO	18Dec03	350,000.00		78,188.00	67,000.00	145,188.00	204,812.00	31-Dec-07		
<u>Uzbekistan</u>											
Comprehensive Medterm Strategy for Improving the Living Standard of UZB	3781/AO	28Nov01	570,000.00		566,377.22	-	566,377.22	3,622.78	31-Dec-06		

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					Cumulative up to 31/12/05	Transactions 01/06-31/12/06	Cumulative up to 31/12/06			Unutilized Commitment (Savings)	Financial Completion Date
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(F) = (A) - (E)	(G)	(H) = (A) - (E)	(I)
<u>Vietnam</u>											
Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	4252/AO	12Dec03	37,000.00		12,611.07	24,388.93	37,000.00	0.00	30-Dec-06		
Support to Thua Thien Hue & Quang Tri Provinces for Formulating Sustainable Poverty Reduction & Growth Programs	4644/AO	07Sep05	<u>900,000.00</u>		-	16,292.70	16,292.70	883,707.30	30-Nov-07		
Total Vietnam			<u>937,000.00</u>		<u>12,611.07</u>	<u>40,681.63</u>	<u>53,292.70</u>	<u>883,707.30</u>			
<u>Regional</u>											
Regional Conference on National Poverty Reduction Strategies	6006/RG	21Nov01	31,952.20		31,952.20	0.00	31,952.20	-		-	Jul-02
National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific DMCs	6047/RG	06Sep02	470,648.40		437,136.93	33,511.47	470,648.40	-		-	Aug-06
Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	6157/RG	18Dec03	400,000.00		57,688.91	4,704.00	62,392.91	337,607.09	30-Nov-07		
Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	6120/RG	27Aug03	269,931.94		270,765.68	(833.74)	269,931.94	-		-	Sep-06
Reviewing the Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS	6171/RG	06May04	850,000.00		419,174.12	266,355.22	685,529.34	164,470.66	30-Mar-07		
Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction	6176/RG	14Jul04	300,000.00		-	-	-	300,000.00	29-Jun-07		
Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction Strategies in Four CARs	6177/RG	14Jul04	350,000.00		266,680.73	47,558.96	314,239.69	35,760.31	30-Sep-06		
Developing New Policy Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihoods Protection and Natural Resources Management	6242/RG	17May05	<u>150,000.00</u>		<u>26,668.30</u>	<u>2,064.35</u>	<u>28,732.65</u>	<u>121,267.35</u>	30-Apr-06		
Total Regional			<u>2,822,532.54</u>		<u>1,510,066.87</u>	<u>353,360.26</u>	<u>1,863,427.13</u>	<u>959,105.41</u>			
				Euro	5,116,307.20						
Total Approved and Effective TA			<u>6,799,994.28</u>	US\$	<u>5,434,361.28</u> ^{3/}	<u>2,722,343.04</u>	<u>1,198,670.07</u>	<u>3,921,013.11</u>		<u>2,878,981.17</u>	

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Statement of TA Expenditures - Cooperation Fund for the National Poverty Reduction Strategies
(Government of Netherlands)
As of 31 December 2006
(Expressed in US dollars)

TA Title	TA No./Type	Date of Approval	TA Amount ^{1/}	Amount Received	Project Expenditures ^{2/}		Outstanding Commitments	Expected TA Completion Date	Completed TAs		
					Cumulative up to 31/12/05	Transactions 01/06-31/12/06			Cumulative up to 31/12/06	Unutilized Commitment (Savings)	Financial Completion Date
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(F) = (A) - (E)	(G)	(H) = (A) - (E)	(I)

^{1/} US\$ equivalent of TA Grant at time of TA approval.

^{2/} Actual disbursements.

^{3/} Represents the actual US\$ equivalent of contributions received.

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A. PROJECTS COMPLETED							
EARD	MON	4383	Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring (PPAM)	300,000	This TA shall strengthen the poverty monitoring and evaluation system in Mongolia by (i) enhancing the Government's capacity to develop effectively targeted poverty reduction program and (ii) strengthening institutional capacity in the area of qualitative and quantitative poverty assessment.	TA activities completed 31 October 2006. Waiting for financial closing.	The final report completed and published in 2006. The report aims to help understand the qualitative aspects of poverty from the point of view of the poor, toward a better understanding of how to design programs to reduce it. The book was copublished with Mongolia's National Statistics Office and the World Bank.
PARD	SUB-REG	6047	National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific Developing Member Countries	500,000	To carry out participatory poverty assessment in 4 countries (Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Tonga, and Tuvalu) applying the methodologies previously developed in another RETA.	TA activities completed 31 October 2005. Closing Date: Financially closed 10 August 2006. Total utilized amount \$470,648.	The TA formed another significant component in the ADB's work on poverty in the Pacific region. It helped both the Pacific and the ADB to better understand poverty and hardship in the Pacific, to prioritize needs, and to assess answers to reducing poverty. The TA is rated overall as successful. The TA helped guide the design of a follow-up TA 6157 Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific. The latter TA has established a multi-donor funded Pacific Poverty Program that is being executed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community that will essentially continue, expand and improve on the work of regional TAs 6047 and 6002.
SARD	MLD	4591	Development of a Results-Oriented 7th National Development Plan	377,000	This TA will assist the Government of Maldives to adopt and successfully implement a results-oriented national development strategy aimed at economic growth and poverty reduction.	TA activities completed 31 December 2005. Financially closed 31 May 2006. Total utilized amount \$374,271.	Through the TA, the 7 th results oriented national development plan for the period 2006-2010 was drafted which was subsequently adapted by the government.
SERD	CAM	3955	Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission (Extension)	31,500	Capacity building support to the country through a RM poverty consultant. The assistance will cover policy, sector, and project levels as well as policy dialogue with the government, civil society, private sector, and development partners.	TA activities completed 30 October 2006. Waiting for financial closing.	The poverty consultant assisted ADB-CARM to actively get involved in the formulation process of the National Strategic Development Plan. The poverty consultant have likewise contributed to some project design in the formulation of the Country Strategy and Program, and some loan and technical assistance projects, ensuring that some project components could benefit most the poor.

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SERD	CAM	4037	Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy	80,000	Support to widely disseminate NPRS of Cambodia to local level and civil society.	TA activities completed 31 December 2004. Financially closed 26 May 2005. Total utilized amount \$33,191.	
SERD	LAO/VIE	6242	Developing New Policy Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihood Protection and Natural Resource Management among Ethnic Minorities of GMS: A Study of Policies and their Impacts, Strategies for Change.	150,000	The TA will develop a subregional natural resource management strategy for the upland areas of the GMS.	TA activities in 2006. The consultant's report has been completed. The paper will be edited for wider dissemination by the 1st quarter of 2007.	Consultant Dr. Naresh Saxena prepared a paper entitled "Ethnic Minorities in Central highlands of Viet Nam and Northern Lao: Poverty Alleviation through Natural Resource Management." The paper examines the official policies and approaches to natural resources management and their effects on ethnic minority communities in the Central highlands of Viet Nam and uplands of Northern Laos. The 2nd part of the RETA relating to field activities was dropped due to shift in the governance priorities in the countries identified in the study.
SERD	VIE	4252	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Viet Nam	37,000	Capacity building support to the country through a RM poverty consultant. The TA will especially focus on monitoring the implementation of the Poverty Partnership Agreement, and accelerate various sector/thematic work to identify future poverty projects, as well as to strengthen coordination and consultation with key stakeholders.	TA activities completed 31 December 2005. Waiting for financial closing.	The consultant has been fielded 20 Jun 04 and completed the work on 30 Dec 06. The main task is to support the Viet Nam Resident Mission in Poverty Reduction activities. The specialist assisted and was a team member for the formulation of 3 TAs which were approved during 2006. TA assisted background/situational analysis research in Northern Mountainous areas of Viet Nam as inputs to CSP 2007-2010.
REG	INTER-REG	6006	Regional Conference on National Poverty Reduction Strategies	50,000	Support to the Regional Conference on PRSP formulation and progress review, co-organized by IMF, UNDP, and WB.	TA activities completed on 7 Dec 2001. Financially completed 31 July 2002. Total utilized amount \$31,952.	
REG	INTER-REG	6120	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	300,000	Develop social protection index to enable monitoring of policies and programs implementation related to the sector.	TA activities completed by 2005. Financially closed 11 September 2006. Total utilized amount \$269,932.	This TA resulted in a follow on TA currently being implemented covering all Asian member countries (excluding the 6 covered by RETA 6120) with PRF financing.

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CWRD	SUB-REG	6177	Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction Strategies in Central Asia Region	350,000	Capacity building assistance to develop or update gender strategies in 4 CAR countries that would influence or be part of the respective NPRSs and relevant policies/strategies/plans, based on detailed country-level gender and poverty analysis and stakeholder discussions.	TA activities completed in 2006.	A regional synthesis report and 4 country have already been finalized and published by the ADB. The focal point from 4 country studies appreciated ADB's efforts to promote gender equality and mainstreaming gender into national poverty reduction strategies and to ensure that ADB interventions are responsive to country gender conditions and its commitments.
	10		Sub-Total	2,175,500			

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B. PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION							
CWRD	AZE	4621	Participatory Strategy Development and Implementation for Achieving the MDGs	650,000	The TA, which builds on the practices and institutional structures established during the State Programme on Poverty Reduction and Economic Development (SPPRED) 2003-2005 process. It will assist the Government in integrating the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals into its development planning and implementation processes. The main outcome of this TA is the enhanced planning and monitoring capacity of the Ministry of Economic Development to achieve these goals.	The Government has yet to approve the draft strategy document (for achieving the country's MDG target submitted to the Azerbaijan Government). The Ministry of Economic Development (MOED) has yet to provide any response on SPRRED evaluation report submitted in June 2006. It awaits for the Government's response for either closing or Changing the TAs scope.	Due to the lack of interests from MOED, and because, this TA will be completed shortly, they suggests that they would like to explore new ways to make better use of the remaining TA resources. The suggestion is to support a similar poverty initiative called the baku consensus modeled along the line of the Conpenhagen consensus that focuses on the effective and pro-poor use of oil revenue. MOED would submit a formal letter to ADB requesting a change in scope under this TA.
CWRD	PAK	4277	Supporting of Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	31,500	Capacity building support to the country through a RM poverty consultant. The TA will especially focus on monitoring the implementation of PRSP and provincial-level plans as well as reviewing and helping develop new programs on poverty reduction. This would help PRM serve as a knowledge node on poverty in the country.	The Team Leader has been assisting the PRSP Secretariat in preparation of PRSP II. The outline of the PRSP II was shared with stakeholders and based on their comments, the outline was revised. In addition, the following activities were also undertaken: -note on the alignment of MDG and PRSP indicators was prepared -assistance provided in the rebasing the intermediate and outcome PRSP indicators using more recent data generated through the 2004/05 Pakistan Socio-economic Living Standard Measurement Survey. -assistance to the PRSP Secretariat continued for analyzing and preparing the PRSP quarterly reports, among others. -various papers were produced such as:(i) working paper on "Targeting Efficiency of Poverty Reduction Programs in Pakistan" was published; (ii) first draft for the study on Demographic Transition, Education and	

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CWRD	UZB	3781	Comprehensive Medium-Term Strategy for Improving the Living Standards of the People of Uzbekistan	570,000	Capacity building support to prepare a medium-term poverty reduction strategy with key stakeholder participation. The project will assist statistical data collection on living standards as well as provide training to policy makers on pro-poor growth strategies and social policy. The key output will be the medium-term strategy.	The recommendations from the study conducted to improve the state statistics were submitted to the Government in July 2006, with the view to assist the SSC in pilot testing new HBS questionnaire during the remaining period of 2006. The SSC's informal feedback on the TA recommendations was positive, however, due to protracted internal review procedures, the SSC was unable to provide an official endorsement to carry out the pilot in 2006.	<p>In the last few months, the Government has demonstrated strong political commitment to expedite finalization of the full PRSP in 2007. To secure external support, the Government has signed MOU with ADB, UNDP and the World Bank on the joint formulation of the PRSP. ADB is viewed by the Government as important contributor to the process given the past experience in the LSS development and understanding of the complexity and sensitivity of this exercise.</p> <p>To maintain ADB's engagement in the PRSP formulation, the TA completion date was extended to 31 August 2007 with the view to: (1) accomplish necessary statistical and training activities to strengthen monitoring and evaluation capacity of the Government agencies in PRSP implementation; and (2) contribute to the improvement of agriculture and rural development sections of the PRSP based on ADB's strong expertise in sector.</p>
PARD	SUB-REG	6157	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	400,000	A range of capacity building initiatives in selected Pacific DMCS, including (a) data collection, analysis, and dissemination (b) participatory policy development, and (c) monitoring of poverty impacts of policies and programs.	<p>1. Fiji. The poverty analysis of the Fiji Islands suffered setback due to the other work commitments of key staff of the Fiji Islands Bureau of Statistics to provide a clean household income and expenditure (HIES) survey data set for poverty analysis. The final poverty report is envisaged to be released in Jan 2007.</p> <p>2. Kiribati. There was success in obtaining parallel funding for Kiribati HIES from AusAID and the production of the 'summary' of the Kiribati Participatory Poverty Assessment in both English and Kiribati (currently in final stages of publication). The Participatory Poverty Assessment report is at the final stage of publication.</p> <p>3. Palau. The field survey work in Palau was completed and the Palau NSO is processing data for analysis. The Government statistician envisaged that data will be ready by end of Jan 2007.</p> <p>4. Solomon. The HIES dataset from Solomon Island was finalized after in-country assistance to the NSO. An ADB mission was fielded 4-8 Dec, to identify suitable local consultant, NGO partners</p>	

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						Poverty Assessment (PPA) expected to be conducted during the first quarter of 2007. 5. Tuvalu. Economic and social analysis of the HIES data was undertaken in June.	
SARD	SRI	4278	Poverty Assessment and Information Management	350,000	Help improve poverty data collection methodologies and analysis to make them consistent across the country.	As substantial time passed between conceptualization of TA and implementation, changes in design were necessary (especially on the poverty surveys, one key output of the TA). It was agreed that part of TA funds will be used to help the government formulate its 10 year development strategy, to be presented at a Development Forum in January 2007. The remaining focus will be on using CEPA to assess ADB's poverty impact, which will feed into ADB's 5 year country strategy.	
SERD	LAO	4627	Public Expenditure Planning for National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (NGPES)	700,000	Contribute to improved quality of fiscal planning and capacity within the relevant MOF departments and governments agencies involved in the fiscal planning process which shall contribute to improving allocation efficiency of public resources according to the Government's development and poverty reduction policy objectives, approaching the international good practice standards in public financial management.	The Medium Term Fiscal Framework (covered under Activity 5) is currently being prepared. Translation material for Medium Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF) were completed and training exercise on the use of MTFF were prepared. Indicative baseline Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) was prepared for each central and provincial government agency. The Team Leader agreed with the Fiscal Policy Department to conduct training (to be held January 2007) using the MTFF; the methodological notes had been refined, and training exercises were prepared. The MTFF spreadsheet was also refined, by developing further the domestic debt section of the debt worksheet, incorporating the macroeconomic projections of the Committee of Planning and Investment (CPI). This forms part of the recently approved new National Social and Economic Development Plan (NSED), incorporating the 2006/07 Budget approved by the National Assembly in September, and rolling the framework forward by one year to 2009/2010.	The issues concerning the tax database and revenue forecasting were discussed in the first Interim Report. In that report, it was mentioned that overly optimistic projections of underlying macroeconomic variables, particularly GDP, and administrative problems in tax collection were probably the main reasons for revenue performance being lower than budgeted, rather than technical deficiencies in revenue forecasting. No further work in this area took place during the reporting period, mainly because the international consultants were away for most of the time.

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SERD	SUB-REG	6171	Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS	850,000	This TA shall strengthen the poverty monitoring and evaluation system in GMS by (i) enhancing the Government's capacity to develop effectively targeted poverty reduction program and (ii) strengthening institutional capacity in the area of qualitative	Request for extension of project completion date from 31 Decemembr 2006 to 31 March 2007 has been submitted to SERD DG for approval. The extension is warranted by the schedule of the regional workshop (1st Qtr 2007) and the need to publish and disseminate the findings of the RETA. The RETA completed most activities in 2006 including: 1. training on analysis of qualitative data held in each country to facilitate revision of participatory assessment reports; 2. prepared final public use data files for all countries; 3. prepared 2nd draft of participatory assessment reprotis; 4. revised draft of project country reports and regional synthesis report, under preparation.	Regional workshop, end of Feb 2007; Country dissemination workshops, March 2007; Publication, March 2007. Request for extension of project completion date from 31 Decemembr 2006 to 31 March 2007 was approved. The extension is warranted by the schedule of the regional workshop (1st qtr 2007) and the need to publish and disseminate the findings of the RETA.
SERD	VIE	4644	Support to Hue and Quang Tri Provinces for Formulating Sustainable Poverty Reduction and Growth Programs	900,000	This TA will help the Thua Thien Hué and Quang Tri provinces in Viet Nam to strengthen their capacity to formulate and implement provincial poverty reduction and growth programs. These programs need to be developed in a way to integrate the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy and the government's Socioeconomic Development Plan (SEDP). The lessons learned and results of the TA will feed into the annual CSP update for Viet Nam.	The TA implementation is delayed. After the approval in September 2005, Government concurrence took longer than expected (TA letter of Agreement signed on 23 March 2006) which subsequently also delayed the recruitment of consultants. Inception workshops has already been completed. Implementation is expected to pick up in 2007.	

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REG	INTER-REG	6176	Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operation	300,000	Capacity building on participatory pro-poor policy/strategy development and project planning and M&E. Teams comprising ADB-Consultant-Government-NGOs will be assisted.	The following are the development under Part A (Project Support) of the TA: -MON: Urban Development Housing Project. In July 2006, EASS requested for the RETA 6176 support for the consultative process on community participation in GER area developmen in association with the Mongolia Urban Development and Housing Project (scheduled for 2006) and JFPR attached to it. The workshop was initially scheduled for September 2006, however, due to delays encountered with the loan project the workshop was and is now scheduled for March 2007. - KGZ Southern Agricultural Area Development Project. Two provincial and one national workshops were organized in February 2006 which influenced the design of the loan project. - AZE: Social Infrastructure Regional Towns Project. A community-driven development and local governance workshop to establish the enabling environment among the key stakeholders was planned. However, after postponement of the scheduled workshop i	As for Part B, two country partnerships strategies, i.e., India and Pakistan, have been identified. Pakistan activities are scheduled to complete by May 2007. However, there is a delay in India CPS consultative process, but it is expected to be finished by July 2007, at the latest.
	9		Sub-total	4,751,500			
	19		Grand Total	6,927,000			