

EIGHT SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE

July–December 2005

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 2005. This Update includes the summary of portfolio as of 31 December 2005 (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 2006) will be submitted in July–August 2006.

II. OVERVIEW OF NPRS PORTFOLIO AND PIPELINE

3. **Portfolio Information.** The overall portfolio as of 31 December 2005 is summarized as follows:

- **Overall commitment.** There is now a total of 20 TAs funded by the NPRS, amounting to \$7.25 million¹ which fully commits the initial contribution of \$7.019 million (value of €6,806,703.24 as of 31 December 2005). The list of projects endorsed by the Netherlands is attached as Appendix 1.
- **Portfolio Composition.** The status of these 19 TAs is broken down as follows:

i.	Completed ²	4 TA	\$ 930,000
ii.	Under Implementation ³	16 TAs	\$ 6,322,000
iii.	Dropped	4 TAs	\$ 1,890,000
			3 TAs before approval; 1 TA after approval

¹ This figure includes the amount \$325,000 for VIE TA 4679 (*Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance*) which was inadvertently processed as an NPRS and PRF cofinanced TA. Total amount which is committed under the NPRS should be \$6,927,000 for 19 TAs. However, in this report VIE TA 4679 was included pending the formal transfer of the TA's full funding to PRF.

² REG TA-6120 (*Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction*) under Appendix 1 is categorized "under implementation" since TA is not yet financially completed. However, in the main text of this report the TA is included in the figure of completed TAs given that all project activities have been completed by December 2005.

³ See footnote 1.

- **Summary of Portfolio Development for the Period July–December 2005.**

The key developments in the NPRS portfolio is summarized below:

- i. No new proposals were accepted given the full commitment of the NPRS Fund since March 2005. Total endorsement has reached US\$7.25 million⁴ against the NPRS Fund's total contribution of \$7.019 million, no new proposals were considered.
- ii. However, four⁵ new TAs were approved by ADB during this period. One is the Lao PDR Public Expenditure Planning for National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (TA 4627). The other one is the Azerbaijan Participatory Strategy Development and Implementation for Achieving the MDGs (TA 4621) that will assist the Government in integrating the focus on the MDGs into its development planning and monitoring capacity. Two technical assistance for Viet Nam (i) to support the Hue and Quang Tri provinces in Viet Nam formulate their poverty reduction and growth programs (TA 4644), and (ii) capacity building of key officials in Dak Nong province in socioeconomic development planning to improve poverty reduction and economic growth performance, were also approved during this period.
- iii. One TA – REG 6120: *Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction* has completed all its TA activities though it is not yet financially completed.⁶
- iv. Another TA was dropped during the period, *KAZ: Replicating Monitoring and Evaluation System for Poverty Reduction Program*. During the country programming mission (CPM) in July 2005, it was determined that there was no need for this TA as the Government confirmed that they can manage on their own activities proposed under this TA.

- **Fund Disbursement.** The total fund committed by the donors to the NPRS amounts to US\$7,019,998.11 (value of €6,806,703.74 as of 31 December 2005). Out of this, the total remittance to ADB from the donors amounts to US\$3,345,050. Eighty one percent of this or US\$2,722,343 has been disbursed by 31 December 2005. The details on disbursement in NPRS-supported projects is summarized in the table below:

Cumulative Remittance to ADB (as of 31 December 2005)	\$ 3,345,050
Gain/(Loss) from income/forex transactions	\$ 88,356
Cumulative Disbursement (as of 30 June 2005)	\$ 1,846,948
Disbursements: Jul –Dec 2005	\$ 875,395
Cumulative Disbursement (as of 31 December 2005)	\$ 2,722,343
ADB Administration Cost and Bank Charges	\$ 137,264
Balance as of 31 December 2005	\$ 573,799

⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ See footnote 2.

The total cumulative disbursement of US\$2,722,343 is 39% of the total funds committed by the donors. Disbursement for July to December 2005 period was \$875,395. This is higher than previous disbursements (January–June 2005: US\$534,045; and July–December 2004: US\$242,708). Attached as Appendix 2 is the Status of Grant and Statement of TA Expenditures.

3. **Content Analysis.** The characteristics of the 20 TAs⁷ under the NPRS are analyzed below by type of assistance, sector, thematic area and region. The change in the percentages in the above categories from the previous progress report submitted is due to the cancellation 1 TA being processed in Kazakhstan on *Replicating, Monitoring and Evaluation System for Poverty Reduction Program*.

- By Type

- i. 19 (95%) aimed provide support to policy/strategy formulation, implementation, monitoring and policy dialogue especially in line with NPRSs;
- ii. 19 (95%) aimed to build capacity in poverty reduction operations;
- iii. 9 (45%) had focus on outreach program and communication;
- iv. 6 (30%) had specific emphasis on stakeholder consultation;
- v. 5 (25%) aimed at strengthening ADB's role in addressing regional poverty issues;
- vi. 3 (15%) aimed at developing new programs and projects;
- vii. 3 (15%) aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Resident Missions for poverty reduction.

- By Sector

- i. 16 (80%) Law, Economic, Management and Public Policy
- ii. 1 (5%) Health, Nutrition and Social Protection
- iii. 1 (5%) Agriculture and Natural Resources
- iv. 2 (10%) Multisector

- By Thematic Area

- i. 19 (95%) Capacity Development
- ii. 11 (55%) Inclusive Social Development
- iii. 6 (30%) Governance
- iv. 2 (10%) Gender and Development
- v. 2 (10%) Sustainable Economic Growth
- vi. 1 (5%) Regional Cooperation
- vii. 1 (5%) Private Sector Development

- By Region

- i. 8 (42% of total amount) Mekong⁸
- ii. 4 (26% of total amount) East and Central Asia
- iii. 3 (11% of total amount) South Asia
- iv. 3 (9% of total amount) Inter-regional
- v. 2 (12% of total amount) Pacific

⁷ See footnote 2.

⁸ See footnote 1.

III. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN FUND MANAGEMENT: JULY – DECEMBER 2005

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

- **Disbursement Projections.** Based on the revised projection for 2005 which was prepared earlier part of 2005, actual disbursement from July to December 2005 amounting to US\$875,395 is 15% higher than the total incremental disbursement projected for the same period amounting to US\$761,500.
- **Conduct of the First RM National Poverty Specialists Exchange.** The first exchange/meeting of national poverty specialists in three ADB resident missions (Cambodia, Pakistan, and Viet Nam) financed by the NPRS-PRF was held from 11–13 October 2005 in Manila coinciding with the RM gender specialists meeting. RSDD's Poverty Unit provided the overall guidance on the meeting program. The meeting took stock of their achievements and provided a venue for knowledge exchange among themselves and HQ-based staff that can enhance their skills and capacity. The first day of the exchange focused on providing an understanding of ADB operations and procedures. The second day focused on sharing views and experience on supporting the PRSP process through policy dialogue, training provision, or specific TA. The last day focused on exposing participants to specific dimensions of poverty tools of poverty reduction and impact assessment which are relevant to ADB operations. Some of the sessions were jointly conducted with the RM national gender specialists which gave the RM poverty specialists the opportunity to interact with their counterparts in the area of gender and development (GAD).
- **Knowledge Dissemination.** Approval of a regional technical assistance on *Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects* that is expected to strengthen knowledge generation, collation, and dissemination related to NPRS and PRF projects. Process of selecting consultants that will assist the NPRS-PRF Secretariat in this area has commenced. It maybe noted that during the period two seminars were held for NPRS-PRF project officers and other ADB staff. In September 2005, a brown bag was organized to present the findings of a study on rural and urban poor sample communities in Mongolia which one of the output of a TA in Mongolia on participatory poverty assessment and monitoring financed by the NPRS. Community recommendations for improving implementation of the Government's poverty reduction strategy. In the same month, a seminar was organized to present to NPRS and PRF project officers the Poverty Reduction Integrated Simulation Model (PRISM)—an original online simulation modeling system—which was developed by the Development Indicators and Policy Research Division (ERDI) of ADB under a PRF-financed TA (*REG 6073: Developing Modeling Tools for Assessing the Effectiveness of ADB's Operations in Reducing Poverty*) as well as another TA on poverty mapping.
- **Submission of the 7th NPRS Progress Report.** The January – June 2005 Progress Report was prepared and forwarded to the Netherlands in November 2005.

- **Fund Support.** BPMSD approved the allocation of budget for a regular staff to provide assistance/support to the NPRS-PRF Coordinator in the administration of the NPRS and PRF funds. The recruitment process was initiated and the staff came on board in August 2005.
- **Review Missions.** The NPRS-PRF Coordinator went on mission in Cambodia to review the progress of selected TAs in Cambodia financed by the NPRS and PRF. Among those discussed are three TAs either financed or cofinanced by the NPRS, namely: (i) REG 6171: Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS; (ii) TA 3955: Engagement of a Poverty Reduction Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission; and (iii) TA 4037: Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy. Country-specific review missions of this nature helps not only progress monitoring of NPRS-financed TAs but also disseminate the value of both the NPRS and PRF to country stakeholders. The NPRS-PRF Coordinator also participated in the review mission and attended the national workshop in Mongolia for the TA on participatory poverty assessment and monitoring (TA 4383) financed by the NPRS. From the NPRS point of view, the TA provides a good example of donor coordination and collaboration, ownership of the executing agency, and proactive in-country media activities which has led to strong interest among key stakeholders in the country.
- **Other accomplishments in fund management include:**
 - i. Provision of technical advice and close monitoring of progress of NPRS-funded TAs under implementation and processing;
 - ii. Continuous/regular updating of the NPRS database;
 - iii. Regular updating of the NPRS website (<http://adb.org/nprs/>) which involves preparation of web contents for the NPRS website, including summary of individual TAs and reformatting of available reports, among others.
 - iv. Close liaison with the PRF and other poverty and thematic trust funds; and
 - v. Regular coordination with the Netherlands and the Board of Director office, as necessary.

IV. OVERALL ASSESSMENT AND KEY IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

5. **Portfolio Development.** As mentioned in the 7th NPRS Progress Report, the fund has been fully committed so no new endorsement was made.

6. **Faster Pace of Disbursement.** The total disbursement for the period under review was higher than the previous six-monthly period. From US\$534,045 in January – June, it went up to \$875,395 from July to December 2005. The total cumulative disbursement of 2,722,343 as of 31 December is 39% of the total funds committed by the donors. The timely implementation of Maldives TA 4591: *Development of a Results-oriented 7th National Development Plan*, REG 6171: *Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS*, and REG 6177: *Mainstreaming Gender into*

Poverty Reduction strategies in Four CARs may have contributed to the increase in disbursement.

7. **Progress in TAs under Implementation.** Across the 17 TAs⁹ under implementation during the period under review, the implementation pace of each TA has been mixed.

Nearing Completion/Completed

- MLD 4591 (*Development of a Results-Oriented 7th National Development Plan*) is nearing completion. The TA was aimed at assisting the Government to adopt and successfully implement a results-oriented national development strategy aimed at economic growth and poverty reduction. As agreed during the inception meeting with the Government, the consultants' will prepare a report which will serve as background information to the Government in the preparation of 7th NDP. The Government, however, later requested for the TA to assist in the preparation of the first draft 7th NDP. The consultants' services were extended using ADB's staff consultant budget as the TA budget could no longer accommodate the cost of the extension of consultants' contract. The draft 7th NDP has been submitted to the Ministry of Planning and National Development for review. The final report has been prepared and is currently being reviewed.
- REG 6120 (*Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction*) has been completed and is now awaiting financial closing. Under the TA, the study conducted under the TA helped raise awareness in the six participating countries on social protection and that the SPI developed will enable meaningful international comparisons of the provision of social protection. With the success of the TA, a follow-up TA has been prepared and endorsed for funding under the PRF.
- MON 4383 is nearing completion. Most of the activities under the TA have been undertaken. What remains to be done is the preparation of the final report and the consultation among key stakeholders for finalizing the report. Qualitative indicators for poverty monitoring and the manual for participatory poverty monitoring will also be prepared. To accommodate this, the TA completion date was extended to March 2006

On Schedule

- The following TAs are on schedule: PAK 4277 (*Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan*); VIE 4252 (*Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Viet Nam*); CAM 3955 (*Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission*); REG 6157 (*Strengthened Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific*); REG 6171 (*Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS*); REG 6177 (*Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction strategies in Central Asian Region*); and REG 6242 (*Developing New Policy Paradigms for sustainable Livelihood Protection and Natural Resources Management among Ethnic Minorities of GMS*).

⁹ See footnote 2.

- The newly approved TAs – AZE 4621 (*Participatory Strategy Development and Implementation for Achieving the MDGs*) and LAO 4627 (*Public Expenditure Planning for National Growth and Poverty Eradication*) REG 6242: *Developing New Policy Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihood Protection and Natural Resource Management among Ethnic Minorities* have initiated their consultant selection process. The domestic consultants for AZE 4621 have been recruited and fielded in September 2005. Commencement of consultancy services is expected anytime soon

Slow Start/Delays

- REG 6176 (*Building Capacity for Participatory Development Activities to promote Poverty Reduction*), was approved in July 2004. After the initial delay due the resolution of some issues concerning project activities, the consulting firm was engaged in December 2005 and inception missions to Kyrgyz and Pakistan were conducted in the same month. It is expected that TA activities will pick up in 2006. A workshop in Kyrgyz is planned in February 2006.
- UZB 3781 (*Comprehensive medium-term Strategy for Improving the Living Standards of the People of Uzbekistan*) is still in the process of recruiting two international consultants which assist the State Statistics Committee (SCC) in improving the methodology for the annual household budget survey and the training of SCC staff on the use of the SPCC software. The TA is expected to be completed by 30 June 2006.
- As stated in the previous progress report, implementation of SRI 4278 (*Poverty Assessment and Information Management*) was slowed down by the tsunami-related activities of the SLRM staff.
- VIE 4644 (*Support to Thua Thien Hue and Quang Tri Provinces for Sustainable Poverty Reduction and Growth Program*) and VIE 4679 *Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance*¹⁰ were approved on 7 September 2005 and 31 October, respectively. Implementation has not started as it awaits the concurrence letter from the Government.
- During the CPM to Kazakhstan in July 2005 to, it was determined that there was no need for the proposed TA on *Replicating Monitoring and Evaluation System for Poverty Reduction Program*, which increased the total number of dropped NPRS TAs to four.

III. WORK PROGRAM FOR JANUARY–JUNE 2006

8. In January–June 2006, the following activities will comprise the key work program:

- Prepare for and carry out the Seventh NPRS-PRF Strategy Meeting.

¹⁰ See footnote 1.

- Carry out special review missions of NPRS projects on a selected basis to assist the project officers;
- Continue close monitoring and quality assurance of the progress of TA processing and implementation as well as disbursement;
- Provide the Netherlands with the 2005 Annual Report of the NPRS and quarterly financial/disbursement reports (Q1 and Q2 2006);
- Implement activities under the regional TA on *Facilitating Knowledge Management for Pro-Poor Policies and Projects* being handled by the NPRS-PRF Coordinator, to strengthen knowledge management for both NPRS and PRF.
- Regularly update the website and further strengthen outreach;
- Improve on the current database system using a different software; and
- Continue dialogues 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 2005)

Appendix 3: Detailed Status of NPRS-Endorsed Projects Under Implementation (As of 31 December 2005)

NPRS ENDORSED PROJECTS (as of 31 December 2005)

Region	Country	Project Title	NPRS Contribution	Project Officer	Division	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval ^a	TA No.	Remarks
A. PROJECTS COMPLETED									
REG	INTER-REG	Regional Conference on National Poverty Reduction Strategies	50,000	B. Dark	SPPI	Nov-01	21-Nov-01	6006	Completed
MKRD	CAM	Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy	80,000	C. Ouch	CARM	Nov-01	16-Dec-02	4037	Completed: Dec 04 Financial Completion/Closure: 26 May 05
PARD	SUB-REG	National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific Developing Member Countries	500,000	S. Pollard	PAHQ	Jul-02	06-Sep-02	6047	Completed. For financial closure. TCR circulated and will be finalized once financially closed.
	3	Sub-Total	\$630,000						
B. PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION									
ECRD	AZE	Participatory Strategy Development and Implementation for Achieving the MDGs	650,000	J. Zveglic	OPR/AZRM	Nov-04	21-Jul-05	4621	
ECRD	MON	Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring (PPAM)	300,000	S. Handayani	ECSS	Jan-04	24-Aug-04	4383	
ECRD	UZB	Comprehensive Medium-Term Strategy for Improving the Living Standards of the People of Uzbekistan	570,000	R. Abdulkayumov	URM	Nov-01	28-Nov-01	3781	
ECRD	SUB-REG	Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction Strategies in Central Asia Region	350,000	S. Handayani	ECSS	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	6177	
MKRD	CAM	Engagement of a Poverty Consultant at the Cambodia Resident Mission (Extension)	31,500	C. Ouch	CARM	Jul-03	16-Dec-03	3955	TASF \$18,000; PRF \$78,500
MKRD	LAO	Public Expenditure Planning for National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (NGPES)	700,000	S. Hattori/ V. Tan	MKGF	Dec-04	02-Aug-05	4627	
MKRD	VIE	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	37,000	K. Lao-Araya	VRM	Jul-03	12-Dec-03	4252	TASF \$15,000; PRF \$73,000; Previous project officer: R. Adhikari
MKRD	VIE	Support to Hue and Quang Tri Provinces for Formulating Sustainable Poverty Reduction and Growth Programs	900,000	K. Lao-Araya	VRM	Mar-05	07-Sep-05	4644	Previous project officer: R. Adhikari
MKRD	VIE	Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance	325,000	K. Lao-Araya	VRM	Mar-05	31-Oct-05	4679	Previous project officer: R. Adhikari. Cofinanced by the NPRS (\$325,000). But as NPRS fund became tight, the TA is proposed to be fully supported by the PRF. A memorandum changing the fund source is now underway
MKRD	SUB-REG	Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS	850,000	M. Mitra/J. Singh	MKAE	Jul-03	06-May-04	6171	Additional \$100,000 TA budget approved on 09 June 2005
MKRD	LAO/VIE	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	MKAE	Nov-04	12-May-05	6242	
SARD	MLD	Development of a Results-Oriented 7th National Development Plan	377,000	Z. Farhadian-Lorie	SAOC	Mar-05	25-May-05	4591	Activities completed Dec 2005. For financial closure.
SARD	PAK	Supporting of Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	31,500	N. Hamid/S. Parvez	PRM	Jul-03	18-Dec-03	4277	TASF \$39,000; PRF \$63,500
SARD	SRI	Poverty Assessment and Information Management	350,000	J. Boestel	SLRM	Jul-03	18-Dec-03	4278	
PARD	SUB-REG	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	400,000	K. Taniguchi	PAHQ	Dec-02	18-Dec-03	6157	PRF\$400,000; TASF\$200,000
REG	INTER-REG	Building Capacity for Participatory Approaches to Poverty Reduction in ADB Operation	300,000	A. Sweetser	RS GS	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	6176	PRF \$300,000
REG	INTER-REG	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	300,000	A. Weber	SASS	Dec-02	27-Aug-03	6120	PRF \$300,000. Activities completed Dec 2005. For financial closure.
	17	Sub-total	\$6,622,000						
	20	Grand Total	\$7,252,000						

NPRS ENDORSED PROJECTS (as of 31 December 2005)

Region	Country	Project Title	NPRS Contribution	Project Officer	Division	Peer Review Meeting	ADB Approval ^a	TA No.	Remarks
D. DROPPED TAs									
ECRD	PRC	Participatory Poverty Reduction Planning for Small Minorities	840,000	D. Sobel	PRCM	Dec-02	12-Aug-03	4158	Dropped in October 2004. Implementation was stalled as there was disagreement with the govt. over the choice of domestic consulting firm. As decision (over the new consulting firm) of the Executing Agency is being awaited, the TA reached the '12-mos lapse rule' which specifies that TAs that are inactive for more than 12 mos after approval should be cancelled.
REG	INTER-REG	Training and Capacity Building for Monitoring Poverty Reduction	400,000	A. Panggabean	RSPR	Jul-03	2004		Dropped in November 2004. Processing was stalled in view of the comments given by several departments that delivering training and capacity building for poverty monitoring could be better approached on a country basis. To rectify the design of the TA would again entail further delays. The slow processing pace of the RETA was another reason for the withdrawal.
SARD	PAK	Balochistan Pilot District Level Poverty-Targeted Action Plans	500,000	N. Hamid/ E. Hooper	PRM	Jul-04			A decision in March 2005 to defer the proposal to 2006 in view of the following: (1) The next local government elections are to be held by 31 August. There will therefore not be a complete group of stakeholders in place for engagement and capacity building at the local level at least until September 2005; (2) the security situation in Balochistan remains tense and volatile; (3) the provincial-local government relationship, which impacts on fund transfer from provincial to local level, is poor.
ECRD	KAZ	Replicating Monitoring and Evaluation System for Poverty Reduction Program	150,000	L. Adriano	ECAE	Dec-04			Dropped on 05 July 2005. The Government confirmed during the CPM that they can handle the task on their own.

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

STATUS OF GRANT (CONTRIBUTION)
as of 31 December 2005
(Amounts in US dollar)

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED (Euro 6,806,703.24)		7,019,998.11 ^{a/}
Gain (Loss) arising from change in value of currency		<u>325,807.23</u>
Amount received	3,345,050.00	
Receivable from Government of Netherlands	<u>4,000,755.34</u> ^{d/}	7,345,805.34
Add: Income from investment	70,816.70	
Interest income	19,348.10	
Gain (loss) on foreign exchange transactions	<u>(1,808.50)</u>	<u>88,356.30</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		7,434,161.64
Amounts utilized for:		
Project expenditures (Statement 2)	(2,722,343.04)	
ADB administration cost	(136,117.15)	
Bank charges	<u>(1,146.50)</u>	<u>(2,859,606.69)</u>
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		4,574,554.95 ^{c/}
Less: Outstanding commitments	(3,239,799.90)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(161,990.00)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(3,401,789.90)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE		1,172,765.05
Less: TAs Approved But Not Yet Effective		
VIE/4644: Support to Thua Thien Hue & Quang Tri Provinces for Sustainable Poverty Reduction and Growth Programs	(900,000.00)	
VIE/4679: Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction & Growth Performance	(325,000.00)	
Reserve for ADB administration cost	<u>(61,250.00)</u> ^{d/}	<u>(1,286,250.00)</u>
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE LESS THAN TAs APPROVED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE		<u>(113,484.95)</u>

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

^{d/} Undrawn contributions in local currency are translated at the applicable exchange rate as of 31 December 2005.

^{c/} Represented by:

Cash		124,189.02
Investments		400,000.00
Accrued interest		432.00
Undrawn contribution - Receivable from the Government of Netherlands (Contribution of Euro 6,806,703.24 less Euro 3,427,257.20)		4,000,755.34
Advances		64,481.00
Less: Interfund payable	(644.48)	
Accrued expenses	<u>(14,657.93)</u>	<u>(15,302.41)</u>
		<u>4,574,554.95</u>

^{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 2005
(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 31/12/04	Transactions 01/05-31/12/05	Cumulative up to 31/12/05			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	24,588.00	625,412.00	30-Sep-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		33,190.74	9,229.90	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		-	-	-	700,000.00	30-Sep-07		
<u>Maldives</u>											
Developing a Results-Oriented 7th National Development Plan	4591/AO	25May05	377,000.00		-	298,440.00	298,440.00	78,560.00	31-Dec-05		
<u>Mongolia</u>											
Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring	4383/AO	31Aug04	300,000.00		58,000.39	105,079.53	163,079.92	136,920.08	31-Mar-06		
<u>Pakistan</u>											
Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	4277AO	18Dec03	31,500.00		-	26,571.32	26,571.32	4,928.68	15-Jun-06		
<u>Sri Lanka</u>											
Poverty Assessment and Information Management	4278/AO	18Dec03	350,000.00		-	78,188.00	78,188.00	271,812.00	31-Dec-07		
<u>Uzbekistan</u>											
Comprehensive Medterm Strategy for Improving the Living Standard of UZB	3781/AO	28Nov01	570,000.00		447,251.12	119,126.10	566,377.22	3,622.78	30-Jun-06		
<u>Vietnam</u>											
Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	4252/AO	12Dec03	37,000.00		144.78	12,466.29	12,611.07	24,388.93	04-Feb-06		

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Statement of TA Expenditures - Cooperation Fund for the National Poverty Reduction Strategies
(Government of Netherlands)
As of 31 December 2005
(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 31/12/04	Transactions 01/05-31/12/05	Cumulative up to 31/12/05			Unutilized Commitment (Savings)	Financial Completion Date
			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E) = (C) + (D)	(F) = (A) - (E)	(G)	(H) = (A) - (E)	(I)
Regional											
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	500,000.00		412,794.00	24,342.93	437,136.93	62,863.07	15-May-05		
Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	6157/RG	18Dec03	400,000.00		18,839.40	38,849.51	57,688.91	342,311.09	31-Mar-06		
Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	6120/RG	27Aug03	300,000.00		248,654.98	22,110.70	270,765.68	29,234.32	31-Dec-05		
Reviewing the Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS	6171/RG	06May04	850,000.00		31,152.85	388,021.27	419,174.12	430,825.88	30-Apr-06		
Building Capacity for Participatory Approached to Poverty Reduction	6176/RG	14Jul04	300,000.00		-	-	-	300,000.00	21-Jul-06		
Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction Strategies in Four Cars	6177/RG	14Jul04	350,000.00		30,923.36	235,757.37	266,680.73	83,319.27	30-Mar-06		
Developing New Policy Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihoods Protection and Natural Resources Management	6242/RG	17May05	150,000.00		-	26,668.30	26,668.30	123,331.70	30-Apr-06		
Total Regional			2,881,952.20		774,316.79	735,750.08	1,510,066.87	1,371,885.33			
				Euro 3,427,257.20							
Total Approved and Effective TA			<u>5,962,142.94</u>	US\$	<u>3,345,050.00</u> ^{3/}	<u>1,312,903.82</u>	<u>1,409,439.22</u>	<u>2,722,343.04</u>	<u>3,239,799.90</u>		
Add: TA project/program approved but not yet effective											
VIE/4644: Support to Thua Thien Hue & Quang Tri Provinces for Sustainable Reduction and Growth Programs	4644/AO	07Sep05	900,000.00								
VIE/4679: Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance	4679/AO	31Oct05	325,000.00								
			<u>1,225,000.00</u>								
Total			<u>7,187,142.94</u>								

^{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										
REG	INTER-REG	6006	Regional Conference on National Poverty Reduction Strategies	PWD	50,000	Nov-01	21-Nov-01	Support to the Regional Conference on PRSP formulation and progress review, co-organized by IMF, UNDP, and WB.	Activities completed and financially closed on 31 July 2002.	The NPRS funding supported the participation of the government and civil society representatives from these countries. The fund enabled ADB to play a role in maintaining strategic partnerships with key donors on poverty reduction strategy formulation and implementation monitoring. The back-to-office report details the discussion and follow-up actions of the Conference. The Conference led to a more larger-scale involvement of ADB in the 2nd Conference on the same topic held in October 2003 in Phnom Penh.
MKRD	CAM	4037	Dissemination of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy	MKOC	80,000	Nov-01	16-Dec-02	Support to widely disseminate NPRS of Cambodia to local level and civil society.	Activities completed and financially closed on 26 May 2005.	

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PARD	SUB-REG	6047	National Poverty Reduction Strategies in Pacific Developing Member Countries	PAHQ	500,000	Jul-02	06-Sep-02	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.	Activities under the RETA have been completed in 2004. The TA completion report have been prepared and will be finalized once the TA account has been closed. Process for closing the TA account is ongoing.	The TA continued on the work of an earlier TA REG-6002: Consultation Workshops for Poverty Reduction Strategies in Selected PDMCs. The TA supported increased awareness and capacity building for improved assessment and understanding of poverty, discussion of poverty, formulation of NPRSs, their incorporation into national development strategies, finalization of Poverty Partnerships, establishment of poverty reduction MDG-related performance indicators, and commitment to the implementation and monitoring of the same in selected PDMCs. Assessments were produced and poverty consultation workshops were also held in the four PDMCs covered by the TA. The output of the TA contributed to the design of another regional TA 6157 also financed by the NPRS.
Sub total					630,000					
B. Projects Under Implementation										
ECRD	AZE	4621	Participatory Strategy Development and Implementation for Achieving the MDGs	OPR/AZRM	650,000	Nov-04	21-Jul-05	The TA will assist the Government in integrating the focus on the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) 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 through further planning of the next phase of the national poverty reduction strategy.	There are 3 packages of consulting services: i) individual consultants, ii) international firm, and iii) domestic consultants. The domestic consultants have all been recruited and fielded in September 2005. Recruitment of an international firm is ongoing, awaiting finalization/conclusion of contract. Selection of the individual consultants that will evaluate the previous national poverty reduction strategy is ongoing.	
ECRD	MON	4383	Participatory Poverty Assessment and Monitoring (PPAM)	ECSS	300,000	Jan-04	24-Aug-04	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.	Two phases of community consultations in the rural aimags and urban study were carried out and presented during a Poverty National Workshop held on 14-15 September 2005 in Ulaanbatar. The NSO submitted a summary of the recommendation of the workshop to the Parliament in December 2005. In addition, a media plan was prepared by the PPAM team to aid in the systematic and targeted implementation of public awareness on the findings of the PPA.	TA extended from September 2005 to March 2006 to accommodate report preparation and the consultation process among key stakeholders for finalizing the report. The consultant will also develop the qualitative indicators for poverty monitoring and the manual for participatory poverty monitoring.

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ECRD	UZB	3781	Comprehensive Medium-Term Strategy for Improving the Living Standards of the People of Uzbekistan	ECAE	570,000	Nov-01	28-Nov-01	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.	Main output of the TA-draft Living Standards Strategy (LSS) was finalized and endorsed by the Government of Uzbekistan in June 2004. The remaining funds were allocated for the activities under the statistical component that will contribute to the PRSP process. Activities were suspended due to lack of access to requisite statistical data. Administration of the TA was turned over from ECAE to URM. After the initial delay in the turnover to URM of TA administration, the TA is now on schedule. Currently, URM is in the process of recruiting two individual international consultants to assist the State Statistics Committee (SCC) in improving the methodology for the annual Household budget Survey and training the SSC staff on the use of SPCC software.	
ECRD	SUB-REG	6177	Mainstreaming Gender into Poverty Reduction Strategies in Central Asian Region	ECSS	350,000	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	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 implemented on schedule. Activities and milestones have been achieved within schedule for the four countries covered under the RETA, namely: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, and Tajikistan. Four country gender assessments (CGA) have been prepared.	The focal point from four countries study has appreciated ADB's efforts to promote gender equality and mainstreaming gender into national poverty reduction strategies and ensure that ADB interventions are responsive to country gender conditions and commitments to MDG. The CGA prepare for four countries propose some general entry points and mechanisms for mainstreaming gender in the country portfolio, before identifying recommendations applicable to the specific projects in the pipeline. A country gender strategy (CGS) will be prepared for Azerbaijan, Kyrgyz Republic, and Tajikistan to serve as an input to the preparation of the next country strategy and programming (CSP) for these countries.
MKRD	CAM	3955	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Cambodia (Poverty Expert extension)	CARM	31,500	Jul-03	15-Dec-03	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.	The extension of services of the Poverty Specialist consultant is currently being prepared.	Documents related to poverty reduction were collected and kept for use by CARM and ADB missions. In additions, the consultatn helped in the preparation of a short article on "Infrastructure and Poverty Reduction" and another paper on "Targeting the Poor and Vulnerable," which was presented at a National Workshop on "Implementation of National Poverty Reduction Strategy at Local Level."

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MKRD	LAO	4627	Public Expenditure Planning for National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (NGPES)	MKGF	700,000	Dec-04	02-Aug-05	TA will contribute to improved allocation efficiency of public resources according to the Government's development and poverty reduction policy objectives, approaching international good practices in public financial management.	Consultant recruitment ongoing. Deadline for submission of proposals was last 5 December 2005. Contract negotiations scheduled to start on 28 January 2006 and consultants services expected to commence by 14 February 2006.	
MKRD	VIE	4252	Support to Poverty Reduction Activities in Vietnam	VRM	37,000	Aug-03	12-Dec-03	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.	<p>The poverty specialists recruited under the TA has continuously undertaking the work specified in the TOR. Specifically, the consultant has provided assistance to VRM on the following activities:</p> <p><u>SEDP 2006-2010</u>: Continuous work on the SEDP, which is an ongoing process, including providing support in organizing seminars and workshops like the regional consultation workshop held in July 2005 involving 110 leaders from 25 provinces. In coordination with the WB counterpart, continued to work with MPI for the incorporation of good comments to the SEDP draft, the revised version of which was submitted to the National Assembly members for comments in October 2005. A results-monitoring training for SEDP was organized and delivered with WB to MPI in December 2005.</p> <p><u>CSP</u>: In line with the preparation of the Country Strategy Paper (CSP) for 2007-2010 which would be aligned with the Government's 2006-2010 SEDP, continuous support was provided. Specifically on developing the TOR for the Country Poverty Assessment (CPA), support to ADB mission in organizing consultation with CSO to gather inputs for the CSP, provided support in the conduct of needs assessments on RBM, among others.</p> <p><u>MPI Planning Handbook</u>: Contributed to editing and revising the handbook and in organizing the consultation seminar held in November 2005.</p> <p><u>Support to other TAs</u>: Provided assistance in the design and preparation of 3 TAs- 1 on RBM, 1 NPRS TA4644 and 1 PRF TA4679 in Dak Nong Province.</p>	

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MKRD	VIE	4644	Support to Hue and Quang Tri Provinces for Formulating Sustainable Poverty Reduction and Growth Programs	VRM	900,000	Mar-05	07-Sep-05	This TA aims to help the 2 provinces' provincial people's committees (PPCs) and the provincial departments of planning and investment to strengthen their capacity to formulate and implement provincial poverty reduction and growth programs in relation to the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy and the government's Socioeconomic Development Plan (SEDP).	Newly approved TA. Awaiting TA Letter signing prior to commencement of activities.	
MKRD	VIE	4679	Capacity Building Support to Dak Nong Province for Improving Poverty Reduction and Growth Performance	VRM	325,000	Mar-05	31-Oct-05	Capacity building TA for the training of key officials in Provincial People's Committee and Department of Planning and Investment in socio-economic development planning, results-based management, public investment planning, service delivery and other related areas.	No TA activities yet.	
MKRD	SUB-REG	6171	Reviewing Poverty Impact of Regional Economic Integration in the GMS	MKAE	850,000	Jul-03	28-Feb-04	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 analysis.	Key individual consultants and the National Research Institute have been hired. A Regional Technical Workshop for all four project teams was held in Bangkok, August 2005. Several workshops were conducted. The TA amount was increased from \$750,000 to \$850,000. Additional budget of \$100,000 was approved on 9 June 2005.	The methodological design and preparation for both the household survey and the participatory assessment took a long time but end product are of high quality. Thus, fieldwork in all the countries commenced only in November 2005 but progress of fieldwork have been going well since then. Delays were encountered in Viet Nam with the implementation of the household survey on account of a coordination problem between the national research agency CIEM and the General Statistics Office (GSO). Fieldwork implementation and progress has reinforced points previously reported, especially regarding the need and importance of the participatory assessment.
MKRD	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	MKAE	150,000	Nov-04	12-May-05	The TA will develop a subregional natural resource management strategy for the upland areas of the GMS.	Consultant has been recruited and fielded. Paper on "Ethnic Minorities in Central Highlands of Viet Nam and Northern Laos: Poverty Alleviation through Natural Resource Management" has been submitted. The paper examines the official policies and approaches to natural resources management and their effects on ethnic minority communities in Central Highlands of Viet Nam and uplands of Northern Laos.	

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PARD	SUB-REG	6157	Strengthening Poverty Analysis and Strategies in the Pacific	PAHQ	400,000	Dec-02	18-Dec-03	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 participatory hardship analysis in Kiribati was completed. The findings were presented in Tarawa, Kiribati, for the Government at Secretariat of the Pacific Community (EA) and Manila, for ADB staff. The TA Implementation is proceeding according to schedule.	TA implementation on schedule, however, team leader would resign from the project due to personal reasons (sick family member).
SARD	MLD	4591	Development of a Results-oriented 7th National Development Plan	SAOC	377,000	Mar-05	25-May-05	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.	Consulting services commenced and completed in December 2005. TA implementation is on schedule. Draft of the 7th NDP and the summary report and the consultants' final report have been submitted. Draft 7th NDP has been submitted to the Ministry of Planning and National Development (MPND). The consultants' final report is being reviewed by the project officer. The Government found the report to be fully satisfactory.	Original TOR of consultants and as agreed with the Government during the inception indicated that their output would be a final report which provide background information to the Government who would be primarily responsible to draft its 7th NDP. However, in October 2005 the Government requested that the TAs consultants provide the first draft of the 7th NDP as the Government do not have the expertise and manpower to draft it. For this purpose, consulting services was extended using SARD's staff consultant's budget as the TA consultant's budget can no longer accommodate cost of the additional work.
SARD	PAK	4277	Support of Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Pakistan	PRM	31,500	Sep-03	18-Dec-03	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.	Recently, the government of Pakistan has requested ADB its assistance through this TA in finalization/ compilation of the PRSP II. A change of scope under the TA has been proposed to assist the Government with the PRSP II work, and supplementary financing of \$100,000 sourced from the TASF for this purpose. A review of poverty literature has been completed by the consultant. The two papers completed by the consultant are also in the process of publication. Under the TA, a new report entitled 'Demographic Transition, Education and Youth Unemployment in Pakistan' is in the process of preparation. The consultant had also prepared a special section on Poverty Analysis in the Economic Updates on Pakistan Economy, a regular publication of the PRM.	

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SARD	SRI	4278	Poverty Assessment and Information Management	SLRM/SAOC	350,000	Jul-03	31-Jan-04	Help improve poverty data collection methodologies and analysis to make them consistent across the country.	After the delay in the implementation due to the tsunami-related activities of SLRM staff, TA activities have commenced.	
REG	INTER-REG	6176	Building Capacity for Participatory Development Activities to Promote Poverty Reduction	RSGS	300,000	Jul-03	14-Jul-04	Capacity building on participatory pro-poor policy/strategy development and project planning and M&E. Teams comprising ADB-Consultant-Government-NGOs will be assisted.	After the delay in recruiting the consultant for the TA, a consulting firm has been recruited and fielded in December 2005. Inception mission to Kyrgyz and Pakistan conducted from 5-23 December 2005.	
REG	INTER-REG	6120	Developing a Social Protection Index for Committed Poverty Reduction	SASS	300,000	Dec-02	27-Aug-03	Develop social protection index to enable monitoring of policies and programs implementation related to the sector.	The project was completed successfully. All TOR elements were delivered in time and in good quality. Awaiting financial closing.	The project had a major impact on social protection discussions in the participating countries, among international MFIs and ADB. An SPI handbook is one of the major outputs of the TA. Given the success of this TA, a second phase TA was proposed and endorsed for PRF funding in a peer review held in October 2005.
			Sub total		6,622,000					