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RETA 6007: Enhancing Social and Gender Statistics

Inception Workshop
Technical Cooperation with ESCAP
Bangkok, 28-31 May 2002

Order of Presentation

Objectives of the RETA

Scope and Major Activities

Implementation Arrangements

Other issues

Background

ADB's overarching objective-- reduction of poverty and adoption of the millennium development goals (MDGs);

Need for social and gender statistics for monitoring these goals;

Availability of social and gender statistics to monitor the MDGs effectively and assist in project design varies considerably across DMCs

Objectives

- To generate and analyze social statistics at the sub-national levels and with gender breakdowns from the census of population; and
- to explore other sources of these statistics for those years between the census years.

Scope and Major Activities

11 countries will be covered (South Asia and Mekong)

Inception Workshop

Methodological Studies

Concluding Workshop

Inception Workshop

Sharing of existing social and gender statistics and experiences in compiling these statistics;

Understanding the relevance of this RETA in relation to the Millennium Development Goals;

Preparing for methodological studies;

Other issues

Methodological Studies

Studies on the following areas will be funded by the TA (small funds available)

- the use of alternative data sources for social and gender statistics; or
- generating social statistics at the sub-national levels and with gender breakdowns;

Concluding Workshop

- Presentation of methodological studies;
- Sharing of social and gender data at the sub-national level;
- Dissemination of these studies and data through websites and other publications;
- Other issues pertaining to MDGs

Implementation Arrangements

TA is estimated to be \$150,000 and will be financed on a grant basis from the ADB-funded TA Program. ESCAP will provide technical and administrative support for the workshops.

The TA will be completed by March 2003.

ERDI will coordinate the implementation.

Monitoring will be done mostly through e-mail and review missions.