

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000 PER PROJECT
June 2002**

1. Water Supply and Sanitation Sector, Indonesia

Executing Agency : Directorate General of Urban and Rural Development, Ministry of Settlement and Regional Infrastructure
TA Type : Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed^a
Date Approved : 07 June 2002

Project Description :

The goal of the TA is to prepare a project, which will deliver good quality, adequate and reliable water supply and sanitation services to urban residents throughout Indonesia on a sustainable basis, with particular emphasis on delivering services to the poor. The immediate objectives are to (i) update the PPTA, (ii) identify suitable subprojects, (iii) finalize project preparation for a number of local government units and water utilities, and (iv) prepare a Project proposal suitable for consideration by the ADB for funding.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

2. Forum on the Implementation of the Kazakhstan Development Strategy up to 2010: The Successful Experience of Asian Countries, Kazakhstan

Executing Agency : Agency for Strategic Planning
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 30 May 2002
Date Approved : 14 June 2002

Project Description :

The purpose of the TA is to help the Government learn successful experience of other Asian economies so as to refine, if necessary, and effectively implement the 2010 Strategy. The output of the TA is a better understanding of the experience of rapidly growing Asian economies by the Government.

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

3. Legal Support for Madhya Pradesh Power Sector Reform, India

Executing Agency : Madhya Pradesh government (MPG)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 12 April 2002
Date Approved : 14 June 2002

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Project Description :

The TA will support the establishment and operationalization of new sector companies, which is a major step toward the ultimate goal of creating an efficient, competitive, commercially managed, and financially viable power sector. The TA will assist MPG and Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB) in identifying and addressing various legal issues for establishing appropriate policy framework underpinning the new sector structure as well as unbundling of MPSEB into new successor companies.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultant completed.

4. Eligibility of State-Owned Enterprises in ADB-Financed Projects, Viet Nam

Executing Agency : Ministry of Planning and Investment
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : 11 September 2001
Date Approved : 21 June 2002

Project Description :

The main objective of the TA is to assess the eligibility of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) for participation in ADB-financed projects in Viet Nam. To this end, the consultants to be engaged will, among other tasks, (i) review existing TAs pertaining to SOE reforms approved by ADB and other aid agencies, including the World Bank, to avoid duplication of work and to ascertain current views among them; (ii) review and analyze legal documents pertaining to SOEs and identify areas whereby SOEs in Viet Nam do not meet the eligibility requirements stipulated in ADB policies, procedures, and documents for participation in ADB-financed procurement; (iii) assess the current operational practices of SOEs; and (iv) propose practical measures on how SOEs in Viet Nam should be reformed to meet the eligibility requirements for participation in ADB-financed projects. The TA will focus on SOEs being operated under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Transport, and the Ministry of Construction, since they are likely to participate in ADB-financed projects if eligible.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

5. Privatization and Liquidation of Public Enterprise, Nepal

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed^a
Date Approved : 24 June 2002

Project Description :

The objective of the TA is to support establishment of a sound framework and implementation mechanism for the Government's time-bound disengagement in public enterprise activities, mainly through liquidation, and suitable staff severance arrangements. The TA comprises two parts. The first part includes review and evaluation of past privatization and liquidation experience in Nepal, analysis of the key legal and other impediments adversely affecting previous privatization efforts, identification of a priority list of public enterprises for immediate liquidation, and preparation of a proposed approach and plan with key milestones for privatization and liquidation. The TA would assist in estimating the fiscal costs associated with liquidation and staff reduction and

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labor-related issues, and would identify suitable options for funding these costs. The second part of the TA would propose an institutional and legal framework and implementation mechanism for time-bound enterprise liquidation and privatization. This would include detailed policy conditions and appropriate sequencing thereof, and development of realistic performance benchmarks of strategic objectives and a methodology for measuring the outcomes of initiatives taken. The TA would suggest a ring fencing approach to effectively deal with political interference in the process of liquidation and privatization.

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

6. Networking with the Asian Institute of Technology, Regional

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Type	:	Others
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	150.0
ADBBO Listing	:	Not listed ^a
Date Approved	:	25 June 2002

Project Description :

The networking initiative aims to improve knowledge management in ADB by accessing and utilizing knowledge, expertise, and experience of the Asian Institute of Technology. It will supplement ADB's internal knowledge creation efforts, augment its capacity for training and capacity building activities for its DMCs, and provide a more efficient and cost-effective means of obtaining the required skills and knowledge. During initial discussions with AIT, the following thematic areas have been identified as candidates for networking: (i) environment and natural resources; (ii) technology development and use of information and communication technology; (iii) agriculture and rural development; (iv) human resource development and capacity building; and (v) regional cooperation. Subject to the mutual convenience and agreement, the networking activities will include: (i) sharing and exchange of information about ADB/AIT events, activities, data, selected research documents, web-links, publications, etc.; (ii) assisting in the commissioning of research work, studies and surveys; (iii) organizing joint activities like seminars and workshops; (iv) undertaking training and capacity building activities for DMC officials and ADB staff; and (v) extending operational support for ADB activities.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultant is required.

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