PROJECT DATA SHEET

Project Data Sheets (PDS) contain summary information on the project or program: Because the PDS is a work in progress, some information may not be included in its initial version but will be added as it becomes available. Information about proposed projects is tentative and indicative.

PDS Creation Date	01 Dec 2006
PDS Updated as of	16 Apr 2010

Project Name	Central Region Livelihood Improvement
Country	Viet Nam
Project/Program Number	33301-013
Status	Approved
Geographical Location	Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thua Thien Hue, Kon Tum Provinces

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Sector and/or Subsector Classification	Agriculture and natural resources / Agriculture and Natural Resources
Thematic Classification	Economic growth Social development
Gender Mainstreaming Categories	–

FINANCING

Type/Modality of Assistance	Approval Number	Source of Funding	Approved Amount (US$ thousand)
Loan	1883	-	0
TOTAL			**US$ 0**

SAFEGUARD CATEGORIES

For more information about the safeguard categories, please see http://www.adb.org/site/safeguards/safeguard-categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	

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Indigenous Peoples –

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

The Project has been classified in ADB s Environment Category B, and an initial environmental examination (IEE) has been prepared in accordance with ADB s Environmental Assessment Requirements and Environmental Review Procedures. The IEE found that the Project will not create any significant changes in the social, physical, or biological environment and will conform to ADB s guidelines on environmental considerations. The potential impacts are primarily construction related. The type of road construction will be rehabilitation or improvement of existing alignments. Little if any land acquisition is expected and mitigation measures to address any potentially minor adverse impacts have been detailed in the monitoring plan of the IEE. Microenterprises developed by the Project through microfinance provision will also have no significant adverse impacts. Several enterprises (e.g., sloping land agriculture development, and horticultural development) should enhance watershed management and reduce soil erosion. A possible exception might arise in the case of any subproject areas that are within, or adjacent to, existing or planned protected areas. An in-depth study, including a rapid biodiversity assessment, to assess potential environmental impacts of the Project on the protected areas was completed and the results incorporated into the IEE and summary IEE reports. In view of the importance of these areas, an independent group such as International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources or World Wide Fund for Nature will be contracted to review SDPs of all communes within or adjacent to existing or planned protected areas (para. 94, xi-xiii). 75 percent of the population can be defined as poor according to the General Statistics Office/World Bank overall poverty line in Viet Nam. 53-92 percent of households in represented communes were ranked by the residents as poor or very poor. Eighty seven percent of indigenous peoples households and 81 percent of female-headed households fall below the World Bank s overall poverty line. They are marked by illiteracy, poor housing, low level of household assets and equipment, poor health and access to services, and no cash or savings. Indigenous peoples in the project area are facing an influx of better-educated and richer Kinh. Women play a crucial role in the household food economy, and it will be vitally important that women are consulted and included in all aspects of project implementation. The Project will address the needs and concerns of the rural poor. Approximately 70 percent of the Project s primary target beneficiaries will be indigenous peoples. Efforts will focus on improving farming systems and diversifying incomes, to enable indigenous peoples to participate more fully in the market economy. Diversification into perennial and industrial tree crops will be promoted as an area in which indigenous groups can achieve an advantage. The Project will employ participatory processes and institute a planning system based on community demand. A community organizing approach will be implemented to ensure the fullest participation by beneficiaries and that project activities address priority development issues identified by the community.

Environmental Aspects

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Involuntary Resettlement

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Indigenous Peoples

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STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION, AND CONSULTATION

During Project Design

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During Project Implementation

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DESCRIPTION

The primary objective of the Project is to assist the Government of Viet Nam to assist the poor in upland communes of Kon Tum, Thua Thien-Hue, Quang Tri and Quang Binh achieve sustainable livelihoods with an improving quality of life through a reduction in the incidence of poverty in the project area. Immediate objectives are to: (i) improve household food

security in a sustainable manner; (ii) improve household income of the poor through improved and better quality on-farm productivity and off-farm income generating opportunities; (iii) develop community capacity to utilize and manage scarce resources; (iv) strengthen the capacities of service-providing institutions (both government and others) to respond to grassroots initiatives so that they can deliver improved services in upland communes; and (v) transfer project implementation knowledge to provincial staff. The Project scope consists of five components: (i) household food security; (ii) income generation; (iii) community development; (iv) institution strengthening; and (v) project management.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

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DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

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PROJECT OUTCOME

Description of Outcome	Progress Towards Outcome
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OUTPUTS AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Description of Project Outputs	Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Date of First Listing	01 Dec 2006
Consulting Services	A total of 593 person-months of consulting services, consisting of 144 person-months of international and 449 person-months of domestic consultant inputs will be required in the following fields: Package A (58 person-months of international and 135 person-months of domestic consultant inputs) - rural development, natural resource management, rural infrastructure, agriculture development, livestock, fisheries, agro-forestry, microenterprise development, management information systems, project management, gender and development, indigenous people's development. Package B (86 person-months of international and 304 person-months of domestic consultant inputs) - rural development, agriculture extension, agriculture development, training, BME systems, livestock, fisheries, agro-forestry, microenterprise development, management information systems, project management, gender and development, and indigenous people's development. Package C (10 person-months of domestic consultant inputs) - microfinance. Advance action for the recruitment of consultants has been approved. Consultants will be recruited by the Bank in accordance with the ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.
Procurement	Civil works will be procured in accordance with local competitive bidding procedures among prequalified local contractors acceptable to ADB, except for small works which can be done by the communities themselves. Each contract for vehicles, machinery

and office equipment estimated to cost $100,000 or more, but less than $500,000 will be awarded through international shopping. Equipment packages estimated at less than $100,000 equivalent, and for which there are several local suppliers with satisfactory service facilities, may be procured under local competitive bidding procedures.

Procurement and Consulting Notices	http://www.adb.org/projects/33301-013/business-opportunities

TIMETABLE

Concept Clearance	–
Fact-finding	—
Management Review Meeting	24 Apr 2001
Approval	17 Dec 2001
Last Review Mission	–

MILESTONES

Approval No.	Approval	Signing	Effectivity	Closing		
				Original	Revised	Actual
Loan 1883	17 Dec 2001	02 Apr 2002	15 Sep 2002	30 Sep 2007	30 Sep 2009	28 Apr 2010

STATUS OF COVENANTS

Covenants are categorized under the following categories—audited accounts, safeguards, social, sector, financial, economic, and others. Covenant compliance is rated by category by applying the following criteria: (i) Satisfactory—all covenants in the category are being complied with, with a maximum of one exception allowed, (ii) Partly Satisfactory—a maximum of two covenants in the category are not being complied with, (iii) Unsatisfactory—three or more covenants in the category are not being complied with. As per the 2011 Public Communications Policy, covenant compliance ratings for Project Financial Statements apply only to projects whose invitation for negotiation falls after 2 April 2012.

Approval No.	Category						
	Sector	Social	Financial	Economic	Others	Safe	Project Financial Statements
Loan 1883	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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LINKS

Project Website	http://www.adb.org/projects/33301-013/main
List of Project Documents	http://www.adb.org/projects/33301-013/documents