



Increase in Technical Assistance Amount

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TA 4798–PNG: Demographic and Health Survey in Papua New Guinea

1. The Technical Assistance (TA) was approved on 07 July 2006 in the amount of \$2.232 million and for a period of 18 months ending 31 January 2008.
2. Grant cofinancing for the TA comes from the Japan Special Fund (\$250,000), the Government of Australia (\$1.320 million), and the Government of New Zealand (\$662,000) to be administered by ADB. The Government agreed to provide \$1 million equivalent to cover office accommodation and facilities, counterpart staff and additional survey funding.
3. The TA aims to enhance monitoring of PNG's Medium-Term Development Strategy, Millennium Development Goals, and various other population and health indicators in line with the Government's strategies and policies on social outcomes.
4. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) initially committed grants of \$107,000 and \$211,268, respectively, in support of the DHS activities through an overarching Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on 26 May 2006. Committed funds from both agencies, however, were not available at the time when the TA paper was circulated and approved by the Board.
5. UNFPA's contribution of \$107,000 was received by ADB on 22 May 2007. A Board Information Paper was prepared and distributed on 17 May 2007.
6. In March 2007, about 8 months following the Project's approval, UNICEF signified availability of grant financing in the amount of \$213,523¹ to be administered by ADB on an untied basis. This amount will be used solely to supplement funding for survey activities in PNG. ADB received the grant on 22 August 2007.
7. As a result of additional contribution from UNICEF, the co-financed TA cost increased by \$213,523, from \$2.339 million to \$2.553 million. In accordance with PAI 5.04 and PAI 5.11, Vice President (Operations Group 2) approved the increase in co-financed TA funding to be administered by ADB to account for supplementary funding from UNFPA.
8. The Board is hereby notified of this increase in TA amount to be administered by ADB.

¹ Change in grant amount is due to foreign exchange rate adjustments. Contribution is PGK 600,000.