

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 PER PROJECT
OCTOBER 1995**

1. Subregional Electric Power Forum - Greater Mekong Subregion, Regional^{1/}

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Conference
TA Amount (\$'000) : 78.0
ADBBO Listing : November 1995
Date Approved : 20 September 1995

Project Description :

The objective of the technical assistance is to help meet financial requirements involved in preparing and conducting the next meeting. The scope of the TA consists of (i) preparation of terms of reference for two of the three river basin studies as agreed during the previous meeting; (ii) preparation and organization of the meeting; (iii) conduct of the meeting; and (iv) publication and circulation of a report of the meeting.

Status of Consulting Services: An individual consultant has been selected for item (i).

2. Water Resources Management (Angat Reservoir), Philippines

Executing Agency : National Water Resources Board (NWRB)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : August 1995
Date Approved : 6 October 1995

Project Description :

The objectives of the TA are to (i) carry out a study on optimal allocation of Angat reservoir water among different users and provide NWRB with recommendations on water allocations with a view to rationalize scarce water resource utilization; and (ii) facilitate the establishment of database needed for the development of a water allocation framework of the Angat reservoir.

Status of Consulting Services: Two individual consultants have been selected.

^{1/} Inadvertently omitted in the September 1995 issue.

Environmental Impact Assessment of the Kalaka-Saribas Integrated Agricultural Development Project - Phase II, Malaysia

Executing Agency : Ministry of Agriculture
TA Type : Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000) : 87.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed
Date Approved : 17 October 1995

Project Description :

The objective of the technical assistance is to undertake an EIA of all the proposed components of the Kalaka-Saribas Integrated Agricultural Development Project - Phase II. The proposed Project covers an area of about 8,000 ha of suitable agricultural land for oil palm and sago palm, and an additional area of protection forest-cum-wildlife reserve. The ensuing investment Project will have the objectives of (i) increasing income and employment opportunities of the target beneficiaries, including women; (ii) reducing poverty among small farmers; (iii) protecting the environment of the coastal and riverine areas from adverse developmental interventions in the absence of the proposed Project; and (iv) capacity-building in terms of project management.

Status of Consulting Services: Consultants will be directly selected.

Improvement of Contract Approval and Implementation Procedures, Sri Lanka

Executing Agency : Finance Division, Ministry of Finance
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : November 1995
Date Approved : 26 October 1995

Project Description :

The TA's objective will be to assist the Government expedite project implementation, by developing and implementing improvements to the procedure presently used for approving contract awards of all types. The scope will include: (i) review of the existing procedure, to include extensive consultation with relevant agencies and organizations; (ii) study how it is being applied in representative sectors (roads, etc.); (iii) identify the delays and costs that are attributable to the procedure, as it is being implemented, based on a study of suitable projects (including the Bank-financed Third Road Improvement Project); (iv) develop alternative procedures that simplify and expedite the approval process, while addressing the Government's concerns regarding transparency and accountability; (v) conduct seminars, involving the public and private sectors, to discuss the existing procedure, its strengths and weaknesses, and to

introduce and elicit comment on the proposed alternative procedures; (vi) prepare manuals and training materials to be used for disseminating the new procedures; (vii) fine-tune the procedures and manuals based on Government and Bank comments and observations; and (viii) conduct final seminars to introduce the procedures to senior officials and other interested groups.

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

5. Meeting of Telecommunications Officials - Greater Mekong Subregion, Regional

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Type	:	Conference
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	30.0
ADBBO Listing	:	Not listed
Date Approved	:	2 October 1995

Project Description :

The objective of the technical assistance is to help meet financial requirements involved in conducting the meeting. The scope of the TA consists of (i) preparation and organization of the meeting; (ii) conduct of the meeting; and (iii) publication and circulation of the Report of the meeting.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants required.