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Quarterly Summary Report on Approved (A) Project Preparatory Technical Assistance Not Exceeding \$1,500,000; (B) Technical Assistance Projects Not Exceeding \$225,000; and (C) Technical Assistance Cluster Subprojects
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LIST OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS				
Seq. No.	TA No.	TA Name	Amount (\$'000)	Date Approved
(A) PROJECT PREPARATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000				
1	8880-ARM	School Seismic Safety Improvement Program	350.0	10-Mar-15
2	8885-INO	Development of West Timor Wind Power	170.0	31-Mar-15
3	8882-LAO	Northern Rural Infrastructure Development Sector - Due Diligence of Additional Financing	225.0	19-Mar-15
4	8879-PRC	Heilongjiang Jiamusi Irrigation and Drainage System Modernization	600.0	27-Feb-15
(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000				
5	8876-IND	Enabling Monetization of Infrastructure Assets in India	225.0	13-Feb-15
6	8878-REG	Strengthening Results-based Planning and Delivery of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development Investments in Indonesia and Viet Nam	225.0	19-Feb-15
7	8883-REG	ADB Financial Products Workshop	200.0	24-Mar-15
(C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER SUBPROJECTS				
None				

(A) PROJECT PREPARATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TA-8880-ARM: School Seismic Safety Improvement Program

Executing Agency	:	Ministry of International Economic Integration and Reforms
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	350.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	12 March 2015
Date Approved	:	10 March 2015

The program will improve the country's seismic safety planning and management competencies and strengthen the government's program management, implementation, and monitoring capacity. The public awareness of seismic risk and emergency response will be improved and the communities will be empowered through participation in the development of the seismic emergency response plans. The TA is required to prepare the results-based lending (RBL) program including the conduct of due diligence work covering the assessments of the following government's systems that are related to the implementation of the RBL program: (i) the soundness of the government investment program, results and links with disbursements under the RBL program, expenditures and financing, and implementation arrangements; (ii) fiduciary and financial management systems; (iii) safeguard systems (environmental); (iv) procurement systems; and (v) monitoring and evaluation systems. As a result of the assessments, a program action plan will be developed, including strengthening of the government staff capacity.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants have been fielded.

TA-8885-INO: Development of West Timor Wind Power

Executing Agency	:	Indo Wind Power Holding
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	170.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	15 April 2015
Date Approved	:	31 March 2015

The TA will assist Indo Wind Power Holding develop a 20 megawatts wind farm in West Timor. The proposed West Timor Wind Farm will connect to an existing and newly constructed 70 kilovolts transmission network, owned by PT. Perusahaan Listrik Negara (Persero), the national electricity utility in Indonesia. The TA will support three studies: (i) a grid integration study; (ii) a transport study; and (iii) a socio-economic assessment for the site. The grid study will investigate the robustness of the grid structure and identify any need for grid upgrade in order to withstand and absorb the instability of electrical output. The transport study will identify potential limitations on the turbine dimensions, and on the potential system capacity that are imposed by roads and topography at the site. The socio-economic assessment will identify the community livelihood and economic activities to design community development programs at the project development stage.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-8882-LAO: Northern Rural Infrastructure Development Sector - Due Diligence of Additional Financing

Executing Agency	:	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0

Business Opportunities Listing : 1 April 2015
Date Approved : 19 March 2015

The TA will prepare the due diligence requirements for the additional financing (AF) requested for the Northern Rural Infrastructure Development Sector Project such as (i) a prioritized list of subprojects eligible for AF; (ii) a financial and economic analysis including the AF; and (iii) updated Report and Recommendation of the President, linked and supplementary documents. The project was approved in 2010 and the potential for additional financing at the request of the government was investigated during the midterm reviews in 2014. The project aims to improve rural household incomes with increased agricultural productivity in Bokeo, Luang Namtha, Oudomxay and Phongsaly provinces. The expansion of the investment project scope will entail: (i) an increase in the total number of productive rural infrastructure (PRI) subprojects to be implemented; and (ii) extension of PRI activities into Oudomxay province. Currently, the project has agricultural extension activities in Oudomxay province, but not PRI subproject investments.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-8879-PRC: Heilongjiang Jiamusi Irrigation and Drainage System Modernization

Executing Agency : Jiamusi Municipal Government
TA Amount (\$'000) : 600.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 3 March 2015
Date Approved : 27 February 2015

The expected impact of the project will be increased net income of the farmers in Jiamusi Municipality and enhanced national food security. The expected outcome will be efficient and environment-friendly agricultural production in Jiamusi Municipality. The project will improve and increase irrigated area of about 22,080 hectares in Jiamusi Municipality. It will include the following four outputs: (i) modernized irrigation and drainage system; (ii) increased flood-carrying capacity and reduced nonpoint source pollution; (iii) strengthened and inclusive institutional capacity; and (iv) improved project implementation capacity. The TA will prepare the project design which responds to the government's needs and fulfills ADB's requirements. It will: (i) assess the technical feasibility of the project; (ii) analyze the economic and financial feasibility of the project; (iii) conduct social and environmental assessments; and prepare safeguard documents, and gender and social action plans; (iv) assess capacity of the executing and implementing agencies for financial and procurement management; and (vi) prepare project implementation schedule and arrangements.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000

TA-8876-IND: Enabling Monetization of Infrastructure Assets in India

Type of Technical Assistance	:	Capacity Development
Executing Agency	:	Department of Economic Affairs
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	17 February 2015
Date Approved	:	13 February 2015

The TA aims to: (i) identify the rationale, the issues and challenges, and the enabling framework for securitization; (ii) engage with regulators and market participants; and (iii) develop a structure and roadmap that will lead to piloting a project of monetizing infrastructure loans of select PSU bank/s in India. The objective of securitization is to help public sector undertaking (PSU) banks in India to: (i) reduce capital requirements as a result of its significant lending exposure to the infrastructure sector, in line with meeting Basel III norms; and (ii) recycle capital by creating liquidity and headroom for further lending to infrastructure, including new or greenfield projects. The TA will cover: (i) analysis of infrastructure financing and the securitization market in India; (ii) an assessment of select PSU bank/s' infrastructure loan portfolio; (iii) a market study and dialogue with stakeholders to gain inputs on structuring of the pilot project; (iv) an assessment of the regulatory, legal, taxation and accounting frameworks identifying challenges and issues which will need to be reformed; (v) the development of potential securitization structures for the pilot project and recommendation of a viable framework allowing the sale of infrastructure loans from the PSU bank/s to the special purpose vehicle; (vi) screening and selection of candidate PSU bank/s for the pilot project; (vii) preliminary due diligence on the infrastructure loan portfolio of select PSU bank/s'; (viii) identify and recommend potential reforms to strengthen candidate PSU bank/s' credit and risk management practices, including governance; (ix) development of a project roadmap; and (x) organization of a stakeholder workshop for the dissemination of findings and recommendation.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of consultants is being processed.

TA-8878-REG: Strengthening Results-based Planning and Delivery of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development Investments in Indonesia and Viet Nam

Type of Technical Assistance	:	Capacity Development
Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	3 March 2015
Date Approved	:	19 February 2015

The governments of Indonesia and Viet Nam are strengthening their capacity to monitor results of their medium-term socio-economic development plans. They need to address key issues in the agriculture, natural resources, and rural development (ANRRD) sector, especially challenges in translating public investments to results and impact on the ground. These challenges include chronic implementation delays, high transaction costs, scattered interventions and challenges due to weak capacity of implementing agencies. The governments wish to reduce transaction costs and hence, increase the efficiency in delivery of public ANRRD investments and to see improved synergies between externally-financed projects, national programs and country systems, in order to increase national ownership. The TA will focus on

Indonesia and Viet Nam, and contribute to the strengthening of results-based planning and implementation decision support systems of ANRRD investments, thereby creating opportunities for the successful use of the ADB results-based lending (RBL) modality in the ANRRD portfolio in middle-income countries. It will examine how the focus on results-based planning and implementation can improve project planning and performance, especially in terms of increasing benefits and national returns on public investment. The TA will also study present output-based investment planning, delivery practices and fund flow in ANRRD agencies, and identify potential operations appropriate for RBL. This will enable delivery of rural infrastructure and services using the government's business processes.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultant has been fielded.

TA-8883-REG: ADB Financial Products Workshop

Type of Technical Assistance : Capacity Development
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 200.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 17 April 2015
Date Approved : 24 March 2015

To promote borrower's awareness and knowledge of ADB financial products, ADB has been conducting workshops on ADB financial products for staff of executing agencies (EAs), debt management officers of borrower governments and other relevant developing member countries' (DMC) officials. Participants have provided positive feedback about these workshops and have found them beneficial. The TA seeks to continue ADB's effort to further strengthen the institutional capacity of EAs and borrowers in using ADB's financial products to optimally fit their project and debt management requirements. The financial products that ADB offers its borrowers have become more sophisticated with the several enhancements done to the LIBOR-based loan and local currency loan products. The objective of the workshops is to build local capacity by assisting borrowers in making more informed decisions on selecting the suitable product, as well as product features and options. The workshops will be designed to apprise clients of the ADB financial products and ensure their understanding and knowledge of the product features and their applications in the context of debt and risk management strategy. The TA also aims to support participants attending the forums on public debt management organized by ADB. In addition, such workshops will provide ADB with the opportunity to collect feedback from borrowers regarding ADB's financial products, thus facilitating ADB's ongoing effort in new product development. Offering DMCs financial products that would better meet their evolving risk and debt management objectives is the key to improving ADB's relevance in the region.

Status of Consulting Services : There are no consulting services required under this TA.

(C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER SUBPROJECTS

None