

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS  
NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000 PER PROJECT  
May 2001**

**1. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Demarcation, East Timor**

**Executing Agency** : Division of Fisheries  
**TA Type** : Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 120.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : 20 April 2001  
**Date Approved** : 17 May 2001

**Project Description** :

The objective of the TA is to provide the government of a future independent East Timor with a complete data set of all the offshore limits and zones of East Timor and the Oecussi enclave, as the legal basis to enter into negotiations of the maritime boundaries with its neighboring countries. This will be achieved by commencing with the determination of the territorial sea baseline and then computing the outer limits of the territorial seas, contiguous zones and finally the EEZ. This information will provide the fundamental data set required for the day-to-day management of the offshore jurisdictional limits.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Recruitment of consultants is underway.

**2. Study of Pricing Policy in the Petroleum Subsector, Sri Lanka**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Power and Energy  
**TA Type** : Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : 13 March 2001  
**Date Approved** : 24 May 2001

**Project Description** :

The objectives of the study are to (i) mitigate or remove price distortions; and (ii) introduce transparent pricing mechanisms for petroleum products so as to enhance rational and environmentally friendly use of petroleum products, streamline the taxation system, promote private sector participation, and increase the operational efficiency of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation. The scope of the TA will include (i) review the current pricing policy in the petroleum subsector; (ii) analyze demand and supply structure; (iii) assess the taxation on petroleum products and its fiscal effect; (iv) assess the implications of various pricing policy options on social and economical activities, including the welfare of the poor; (v) propose transparent pricing policy scenarios; and (vi) prepare draft amendments to the existing legal framework relevant to the pricing policy.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Recruitment of consultants is underway.

**3. Governance Assessment Study for Sound Development Management and Poverty Reduction, Kyrgyz Republic**

**Executing Agency** : Office of the President (Department for Administrative Reform and Civil Service)  
**TA Type** : Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : 7 March 2001  
**Date Approved** : 28 May 2001

**Project Description :**

The objective of the TA is to make an overview of the system of governance in the Kyrgyz Republic with a focus on such governance issues that impact directly on poverty reduction. The goal is to help the Government identify the weaknesses in the governance system and recommend measures to overcome them. The Study will adopt the framework of the recent ADB Medium Term Agenda and Action Plan, which defines the key issues in a systematic and focused manner. Based on secondary sources, the study to be undertaken will complete a brief description of the strengths and weaknesses of the governance system using a standardized format provided by the Governance Checklist prepared by ADB. This review would lead to a narrowing of the key issues so that the TA can focus on these for more in depth analysis. In discussion with the Government, it has been agreed that the study will cover the following thematic issues in depth: (i) efficiency in public administration at the national and sub-national levels of the Government; (ii) intra-Government relations including fiscal relations and responsibilities; (iii) delivery of public services at the national and local government level; and (iv) raising public awareness about existing laws and institutions and thereby increasing the accountability of public officials at the local government level.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Recruitment of consultants is underway.