

**MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
(as of 30 April 2005)**

1. CAM-4575: Cambodia Business Initiative in Rural Development, Cambodia (Advisory)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Rural Development
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 28 February 2005
Date Approved : 5 April 2005

The overall objective of the TA is to promote a participatory and sustainable approach to poverty reduction, and socioeconomic development by getting business organizations to partner with government institutions, NGOs and poor villages in rural development efforts. The government, business organizations and NGOs have expressed a strong interest in understanding the possibility of replicating the Thailand Business Initiative in Rural Development (T-BIRD) approach in Cambodia, and in developing alternative mechanisms, if necessary. The TA will have three major components: (i) situation analysis; (ii) catalyzing partnership; and (iii) comprehensive strategy and program to replicate the T-BIRD or implementing an alternative approach.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

2. LAO-4576: Operationalization of the Northern Region Development Strategy, Lao PDR (Advisory)

Executing Agency : Government's Committee for Planning and Investment
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 17 February 2005
Date Approved : 5 April 2005

The purpose of the TA is to operationalize the broad Northern Region Development Strategy (NRDS) recommendations within the National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy/Socio-Economic Development Plan (SEDP) framework. The TA will facilitate the alignment of SEDP's prospective provincial investment programs with the NRDS, focusing on the prioritization of public expenditure programs to meet the local provincial needs and the overall budget constraints. To this end, the TA supports the Government and local authorities of the Northern Region in defining and applying the Managing for Development Results framework, identifying particular provincial dynamics, and reflecting them in implementation of the NRDS through formulation of SEDP's priority investment programs.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

3. PAK-4578: Mega City Development (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency : Karachi City District Government
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 1 April 2005
Date Approved : 11 April 2005

The purpose of the TA is to design a mega city project preparation and capacity building facility for possible ADB financing. The ensuing facility is expected to provide a suitable assistant modality to tackle the mega city's large scale and multidimensional needs by enabling the preparation of high priority investment projects for urban infrastructure and services and assistance for necessary urban policy and institutional reforms and capacity building. The major output of the TA will be a list of project proposals, based on a city development framework, for (i) feasibility

assessments of high priority infrastructure investments, (ii) studies of advisory and planning nature to provide input into the proposed investments; and (iii) capacity building assistance linked to an agenda for further urban policy, institutional, and financial reforms.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

4. PNG-4583: HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control in Rural Development Enclaves (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency	:	National Department of Health
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	150.0
ADBBO Listing	:	18 April 2005
Date Approved	:	28 April 2005

The long-term goal of the TA is to assist the Government in their fight against HIV/AIDS and their effort to meet MDG 6 (Target 7) "have halted by 2015, and begun to reverse, the spread of HIV/AIDS." In that context, the purpose of the TA is to support the government to take the fight against HIV/AIDS to the rural populations peripheral to development enclave sites. The TA outputs include a report containing (i) the HIV/AIDS situation in PNG, (ii) the current response to HIV/AIDS by Government and development partners, (iii) an assessment of private sector willingness to participate in a partnership arrangement with Government, (iv) an assessment of necessary inputs: medical staff, protocols, training and surveillance, and (v) an agreed management process to implement partnership arrangements between private sector operators and government. An important output will be the relationship and consensus building that will emerge through the process of agreeing on the project design.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

5. KAZ-4585: Strengthening the Water Supply Sector Program (Advisory)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	150.0
ADBBO Listing	:	16 November 2004
Date Approved	:	29 April 2005

The longer-term impact of the TA will be an increase in country-wide access to potable water supply and sanitation (WSS) facilities for rural settlements. The main outcome of the TA will be a strengthened policy and planning framework for the WSS sector. This will be achieved through the preparation of an upgraded, prioritized and phased program for the WSS sector covering the need for potable water and sanitation services of the entire population of the country. The TA will enable the Government to assess the technical and financial implications of expanding the scale of the Potable Water Sector Program 2002-2010 to the national level, taking into account the current and future needs of the rural WSS sector.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

6. RETA-6238: Environmental Inputs for the Second GMS Summit, Regional (Conference)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	90.0
ADBBO Listing	:	16 March 2005
Date Approved	:	5 April 2005

The main objectives of the GMS Environment Ministers Meeting are to finalize and endorse: (i) an action plan for the GMS Core Environment Program; (ii) an action plan for the GMS Biodiversity Corridors Initiative; and (iii) a work plan for a GMS Environment Operations Center. The GMS Environment Ministers are expected to issue a joint statement in support of sustainable management of the environment and also recommend adoption of a program to establish biodiversity corridors to the GMS Summit. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for the Working Group on Environment (WGE) to present an overview of WGE achievements in the GMS to date and their relevance to the Regional Cooperation Strategy and Program, as well as an update on the primary challenges facing the WGE.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants are required.

7. RETA-6240: Special Evaluation Study on Urban Sector Strategy and Operations, Regional (Study)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	150.0
ADBBO Listing	:	23 March 2005
Date Approved	:	21 April 2005

This TA aims to contribute to better results of ADB's operations in the urban (municipal) sector in its DMCs. The intended outcome of the TA is a new strategy, informed by the OED special evaluation study, as well as improved quality and quantity of ADB's operations in the urban sector. The main output is an evaluation of ADB's urban sector strategy of 1999 and urban sector operations over the past 12 years (including a comparison of operations up to 6 years before the strategy and those up to 6 years after).

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.