

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000 PER PROJECT
August 2003**

1. Second Decentralized Health Services: Adapting the Project to New Regulations, Indonesia

Executing Agency : Ministry of Health
TA Type : Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed^a
Date Approved : 8 August 2003

Project Description :

The objective of the TA is to finalize the financial arrangements for the Second Decentralized Health Services Project in accordance with recent regulations and decisions of the central Government. In particular, the TA will (i) identify the expected contribution of each local government to the Project according to their fiscal capacity, and (ii) obtain from the local governments willing to participate in the Project their commitment to allocate the required local resources for Project implementation.

Status of Consulting Services: Direct selection of consultants has been approved.

2. Provincial Development Planning in the Central Highlands, Viet Nam

Executing Agency : Ministry of Planning and Investment
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 4 June 2003
Date Approved : 20 August 2003

Project Description :

The purpose of the TA is to achieve greater equity in the country by assisting development planning processes in selected provinces in the Central Highlands. This will involve support to operationalizing the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy at provincial level, enhanced focus on efficient, sustainable and equitable service delivery, and formulating and implementing socio-economic and poverty reduction policies relevant to the local context. It will also help strengthen the capacity of provincial planning departments to better coordinate their interactions with sector departments, districts and communes in the preparation, implementation and monitoring of development plans.

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

^a Waiver to publish in ADB Business Opportunities approved by Management.

3. Preparation of Cadastral Surveys for the Rural Roads Development Project, Philippines

Executing Agency : Department of Interior and Local Government
TA Type : Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 23 May 2003
Date Approved : 25 August 2003

Project Description :

The TA objective is to facilitate the preparation of the Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plans for the Project by: (i) preparing or updating cadastral maps and records for the areas within the right-of-way (ROW) of the core subproject roads; and (ii) training the Executing Agency staff and providing guidelines for the same task for the non-core subprojects. The scope of the TA will include: (i) an assessment of the status of cadastral documentation in the areas affected by the ROW of the Project's core subprojects based on a validation survey; (ii) the preparation or update of needed maps and land records for the core subprojects based on a geodetic survey; (iii) the organization of training workshops for staff in each province affected by the Project; and (iv) the preparation of guidelines for geodetic surveys and preparation of cadastral maps for the ROW of non-core subprojects.

Status of Consulting Services: Direct selection of consultants has been approved.

4. Capacity Building of Selected Credit Rating Agencies in Asia, Phase II, Regional

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Training
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : 14 July 2003
Date Approved : 8 August 2003

Project Description :

The objective of this TA is to continue ADB's support for strengthening the institutional and technical capacities of Asian domestic credit rating agencies (CRAs) in fostering the development of the region's capital markets (particularly bond markets) as well as ensuring the stability of Asian financial markets. The thrust is for domestic CRAs to be able to strengthen themselves further by gaining important technical know-how in ratings as well as by enforcing the Code of Ethics and Best Practices Checklist among members of the Association of Credit Rating Agencies in Asia, in pursuit of higher standards of performance, transparency, and accountability. In a broader context, the TA aims to facilitate regional financial cooperation.

Status of Consulting Services: A resource person has been invited to conduct the training workshop on advanced securitization held on 10-11 September 2003 in Bangkok, Thailand.

5. Promoting Knowledge Transfer through Diaspora Networks, Regional

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Study
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 3 June 2003
Date Approved : 13 August 2003

Project Description :

The goal of the TA is increased use of associations of highly skilled expatriate nationals in transfer of knowledge and capacity development, and improved awareness among DMCs of the benefits of such practices. The purpose of the TA is to complete a detailed review of such knowledge transfer experiences in three DMCs, to promote more extensive applications in these and other DMCs, and to explore innovative means of using of these networks for knowledge work will be carried out as part of a global investigation of diaspora networks, coordinated by the Institut de recherche pour le Developpement (France).

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

6. Promoting NGO Support for Poverty Reduction in the Greater Mekong Subregion, Regional

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Others
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 2 April 2003
Date Approved : 22 August 2003

Project Description :

The overall goal of the TA is to establish and institutionalize the process for an ADB-Government-NGO tripartite partnership that contributes to regional poverty reduction in the GMS. The purpose is to facilitate this tripartite partnership at its initial stages and, in the process, achieve substantive NGO input into the preparation and eventual implementation and updating of the Regional Cooperation Strategy and Program (RCSP) for the GMS as it pertains to poverty reduction. An additional purpose is to pilot and demonstrate the participatory approaches that are effective in facilitating the tripartite partnership process. The TA is expected to (i) identify poverty issues as perceived by NGOs, and (ii) agree on a joint strategy and implementation plan for NGO cooperation in the ADB-Government-NGO partnership under the RCSP. Specifically, the outputs would include (i) an initial paper on GMS poverty issues that incorporates the perceptions of civil society, (ii) an operational plan for NGO participation in the ADB-Government-NGO partnership under the RCSP, and (iii) two subregional workshop proceedings. The RCSP will reflect conclusions and recommendations of the TA.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultant is required.

7. Regional Civil Aviation Safety and Security, Regional

Executing Agency : Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO)
TA Type : Study
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 20 August 2003
Date Approved : 25 August 2003

Project Description :

The TA will conduct a feasibility study for establishing PASO and prepare a regional project suitable for ADB lending. It will (i) assess the future demand for air transport oversight services in the Pacific region and project likely fee income; (ii) prepare a priority investment program for PASO; (iii) assess the likely extent and timing of future members joining PASO and willingness of members to pay increased annual levies; (iv) identify least cost technical solutions for the proposed investments and financing, including use of ADB's proposed regional loan; (v) assess the likely sources and extent of cofinancing; and (vi) assess the capability of PASO to become self-sustaining, as well as the likely timing of its break-even stage. Assuming that viability of PASO can be demonstrated in the early stages of the study, the TA will package a suitable project for ADB (and possible cofinanciers) investment.

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