



---

August 2014

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  
(April – June 2014)

This document is being disclosed to the public in accordance with ADB's Public Communications Policy 2011.

Asian Development Bank

In preparing any country program or strategy, financing any project, or by making any designation of or reference to a particular territory or geographic area in this document, the Asian Development Bank does not intend to make any judgments as to the legal or other status of any territory or area.

**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 (April - June 2014)**

<b>LIST OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS</b>				
<b>Seq. No.</b>	<b>TA No.</b>	<b>TA Name</b>	<b>Amount (\$'000)</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
<b>(A) PROJECT PREPARATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000</b>				
1	8670-AZE	Solid Waste Management for Intermediary Cities	1,025.0	26-Jun-14
2	8660-INO	Community-focused Investments to Address Deforestation and Forest Degradation	500.0	2-Jun-14
3	8661-INO	Stepping Up Investments for Growth Acceleration Program Subprogram 2	1,500.0	23-May-14
4	8639-MYA	Interconnection and Electrification Grid Studies	250.0	15-Apr-14
5	8667-PHI	BPO Sector Employment Initiative	152.3	5-Jun-14
6	8638-PRC	Hunan Dongjiang Lake Environmental Protection and Integrated Utilization	800.0	4-Apr-14
7	8633-SRI	Water Resources Development Investment Program	800.0	2-Apr-14
8	8668-SRI	Rapid Assessment of Sea Water Desalination and Other Alternative Water Sources for Jaffna Water Supply	225.0	11-Jun-14
9	8647-TAJ	Water Resources Management in Pyanj River Basin	1,000.0	12-May-14
10	8645-REG	Northern Pacific Healthcare Investment Study	225.0	8-May-14
<b>(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000</b>				
11	8676-KAZ	Managing for Development Results in the Transport Sector of Kazakhstan	225.0	30-Jun-14
12	8631-NAU	Institutional Strengthening of the Nauru Utilities Corporation	225.0	1-Apr-14
13	8643-REG	Implementation of Microfinance Industry's Client Protection Principles	200.0	28-Apr-14
14	8644-REG	Sustainable Energy Training Program 2014	225.0	8-May-14
15	8655-REG	Facilitating Trade for Fragile and Landlocked States in the post-Bali Institutional Environment	225.0	14-May-14
16	8659-REG	Targeted Pacific Financial Sector Strengthening: Supporting National Risk Assessments	225.0	28-May-14
17	8664-REG	Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI) Knowledge Platform on Economic Productivity	225.0	9-Jun-14
18	8673-REG	Enhancing Results Delivery in Operations	225.0	13-Jun-14
<b>(C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER SUBPROJECTS</b>				
19	8642-IND	Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction - Project Preparation and Implementation Support for Odisha Power Sector Emergency Assistance (Subproject 31)	100.0	15-Apr-14

<b>Seq. No.</b>	<b>TA No.</b>	<b>TA Name</b>	<b>Amount (\$'000)</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
20	8666-INO	Sustainable Infrastructure Assistance Program - Capacity Development for the Metropolitan Sanitation Management Investment Project (Subproject 6)	2,000.0	13-Jun-14
21	8658-REG	South Asia Economic Integration Partnership - Power Trading in Bangladesh and Nepal (Subproject 1)	1,000.0	29-May-14

## **(A) PROJECT PREPARATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

### **TA-8670-AZE: Solid Waste Management for Intermediary Cities**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Economy and Industry
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	1,025.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	4 July 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	26 June 2014

The TA is required to conduct project related due diligence, site evaluation, and recommendation. These activities will include technical, economic, financial and governance due diligence. It will also cover initial environmental examinations and formulate any potentially required resettlement plans. An environmental assessment and review framework will be prepared for the project, especially given that formalized environmental awareness towards waste flows such as 'reduce, reuse, recycle' should translate into best operational practices, e.g. a dedicated waste separation/waste recycling program. Particular attention will be paid to: (i) the design of the funds flow and disbursement mechanisms for the ensuing project; (ii) financial management capacity and ADB's procurement and disbursement procedures that will be necessary for the project; and (iii) poverty, social and gender analysis to help develop participatory and gender mainstreaming strategies.

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

### **TA-8660-INO: Community-focused Investments to Address Deforestation and Forest Degradation**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Forestry
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	500.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	8 May 2013
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	2 June 2014

The key output of the TA will be a feasibility study report in the format of ADB's Report and Recommendation of the President and its appendices. The TA will undertake the detailed design of the project by performing various activities, including: (i) detailed scoping and assessments of the activities listed in the concept paper; (ii) assessment of institutional capacity, human resources development needs and monitoring mechanisms for the proposed interventions; (iii) effective communication and meaningful engagement with civil society organizations, national and sub-national governments, private sector and local and indigenous communities; (iv) baseline data collection for key indicators in the design and monitoring framework; (v) identification of specific areas to direct forest investment program (FIP) support and assessment of feasible partnership arrangements; (vi) due diligence assessments (technical, economic, social [involuntary resettlement and indigenous peoples' impacts], environmental, land tenure risks) for project financing and any necessary surveys, consultation and refinement for implementation plan; (vii) preparation of sample procurement documentation for both Consultant Recruitment and Procurement of Goods and Works; and (viii) preparation of necessary documents for approval of grant funding by FIP subcommittee. The TA will also prepare reports on poverty and social assessment, environmental assessment, indigenous peoples and land tenure, stakeholder communication strategy, and consultation and participation plan for local community engagement to ensure beneficiaries benefit fully from the project activities.

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

## **TA-8661-INO: Stepping Up Investments for Growth Acceleration Program Subprogram 2**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	1,500.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	23 July 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	23 May 2014

The objectives of the TA are to support the Government of Indonesia in designing and implementing reforms under subprogram 2 of the proposed Stepping Up Investments for Growth Acceleration Program, and to boost the capacity of implementing agencies to undertake the proposed reforms. The scope of the TA parallels the components of the program as presented in the preliminary design and monitoring framework, i.e., activities to: (i) reform the investment climate and public procurement; and (ii) diversify infrastructure financing. The final outcome of the TA will be a well-designed, successfully implemented subprogram 2. The TA will help the Investment Coordinating Board implement policy actions that will further improve ease of doing business, and will conduct a diagnostic and technical review of the Government's supply-side tax policies. Under output 2, the TA will introduce different infrastructure financing modalities via state budget and capital market to provide financing for local infrastructure projects. The TA will assist the Ministry of Finance in developing the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund and will also assist the government and other relevant stakeholders Indonesia Financial Services Authority (OJK) and Indonesia Stock Exchange in introducing a project bond. Under output 3, the TA will first assist the government in improving the e-government procurement system by ensuring that its components are integrated under one entity. Second, it will help build procurement capacities and competencies of National Public Procurement Agency staff. Third, the TA will assist the government in improving the regulatory and legal framework of procurement by developing regulatory and legal instruments and implementing guidelines.

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

## **TA-8639-MYA: Interconnection and Electrification Grid Studies**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	250.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	25 July 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	15 April 2014

The TA consists of two outputs: i) an Interconnection Study for a 500 megawatt natural gas combined cycle power plant (the Project) in the Ayeyarwaddy Delta region; and ii) an Electrification Study for transmitting power from the Project to nearby villages and towns. The Project will be implemented by GMS Power Public Company Limited (GMS)—an experienced independent power project developer in the Greater Mekong Subregion, Global Power Synergy Company Limited (GPSC)—a subsidiary of PTT Public Company Limited, and the Department of Electric Power of the Ministry of Electric Power (MOEP). GMS and GPSC are collectively referred to as the “Sponsors.” The Sponsors signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to undertake a Feasibility Study for the Project. MOEP is expected to have a majority equity share in the Project and benefit from the transfer of technology and knowledge from the Sponsors. The TA will recruit two individual (international) consultants to undertake the interconnection and electrification studies. The Sponsors will be responsible for the technical feasibility of the power plant.

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

### **TA-8667-PHI: BPO Sector Employment Initiative**

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 152.3  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 13 May 2014  
**Date Approved** : 5 June 2014

The Philippine Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry is the fastest growing industry in the country. BPO businesses employ 750,000 staff making the Philippines the call center capital of the world. Despite the relatively high paying nature of BPO jobs and the high unemployment rate of young adults in the Philippines, BPO operators find it extremely difficult to find, hire and retain qualified talent. From ADB's perspective, this TA is a natural progression of its relationship with Kalibrr Inc. (Kalibrr), which began over two years ago. Founded in 2012, Kalibrr is a technology company that has developed a skills assessment and training platform aimed at increasing hiring efficiency and employment in the BPO industry in the Philippines. Since being introduced to Kalibrr, RSDD has maintained an informal dialogue with the company regarding skills assessment and job creation. ADB also regularly invites Kalibrr to participate in the annual ADB International Skills Forum, including an invitation in 2013 to be an invited speaker and to showcase the company's work. This TA will assist Kalibrr in: (a) participating in the Contact Center of the Philippines/Technical Education and Skills Development Authority "Near Hire Training Program" initiative aimed at job creation in the Philippines; (b) verifying, validating and optimizing the beta version of its platform for the BPO sector; and (c) beginning to develop the platform to accommodate the needs of industries other than the BPO sector. Most importantly, the TA will confirm the technical and financial viability of Kalibrr's business, allowing Kalibrr to attract the capital necessary to scale its operations and bring this important tool to market.

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

### **TA-8638-PRC: Hunan Dongjiang Lake Environmental Protection and Integrated Utilization**

**Executing Agency** : Zixing City Government  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 800.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 1 April 2014  
**Date Approved** : 4 April 2014

The TA will undertake due diligence in technical, safeguards, economic and financial, and poverty and social areas. It will help ensure compliance with ADB's requirements and incorporation of international best practices in the project design. The major output of the TA will be a project design which responds to the government's needs and fulfill ADB's requirements. Specifically, the outputs include: (i) a sector assessment; (ii) financial management and procurement capacity assessments; (iii) stakeholder analysis and project design and monitoring framework; (iv) project technical, environmental, economic, financial, and social viability appraisals; (v) a gender action plan and a social action plan; (vi) a resettlement plan; (vii) an environmental impact assessment and an environmental management plan; (viii) project implementation schedule and a procurement plan; and (ix) a project administration manual.

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

### **TA-8633-SRI: Water Resources Development Investment Program**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources  
 Management  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 800.0

**Business Opportunities Listing** : 16 April 2014  
**Date Approved** : 2 April 2014

The TA will prepare the Water Resources Development Investment Program. This will assist the Government to complete outstanding water conveyance investments under the Mahaweli Development Program which is a key priority of the Government. The TA is necessary to: (i) review the technical and economic viability and designs of the four investment projects under the North Central Province Canal Program; (ii) review and update safeguard measures; (iii) review civil works contract documents and ensure they meet ADB's criteria; (iv) prepare the consulting package for the Program Design and Management Consultant; (v) design the consulting services package for improving system efficiencies and water productivity; (vi) undertake financial and procurement assessments of the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management, and Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka and Department of Irrigation who are the implementing agencies; and (vii) prepare all requirements to meet the processing criteria for a multi-tranche financing facility and Tranche 1.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Consultants' work is ongoing.

**TA-8668-SRI: Rapid Assessment of Sea Water Desalination and Other Alternative Water Sources for Jaffna Water Supply**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 9 June 2014  
**Date Approved** : 11 June 2014

The main purpose of the TA is to support the National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) to conduct a rapid assessment of the feasibility of desalination of sea water and other alternative water sources in order to provide safe drinking water in the Jaffna Peninsula. The impact will be improved access to safe drinking water in the area. The outcome will be identification of a reliable alternate drinking water source for Jaffna Peninsula. The output will be the completion of rapid assessment of desalination of sea water and other alternate water sources in the peninsula. The TA will engage consultants who will assist the NWSDB in carrying out a rapid assessment on the following activities: (i) review water demand for the Jaffna Peninsula; (ii) assess the quality of the sea water in the peninsula and explore treatment methods, including desalination; (iii) assess cost estimates for both capital expenditures and operation and maintenance of desalination; (iv) conduct Initial Environmental Examination on the environmental impact of desalination; (v) review pre-feasibility of other alternative water resources in the Jaffna Peninsula; and (vi) compare technical and financial viability of alternative water supply options. Consultants will also provide support to arrange a study tour for NWSDB officials to a desalination plant in the South Asia region.

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

**TA-8647-TAJ: Water Resources Management in Pyanj River Basin**

**Executing Agency** : Agency of Land Reclamation and Irrigation  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 1,000.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 20 May 2014  
**Date Approved** : 12 May 2014

The TA will design an investment project for increased farm incomes in the Chubek Irrigation System (CIS) area in the Pyanj River basin. It is required to complete due diligence which will



include the following: (i) development of feasibility-level design of the rehabilitation of CIS incorporating climate change adaptation measures; (ii) assessment of the project's economic and financial viability, and financial and procurement management capacity for the Agency of Land Reclamation and Irrigation, and Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, including identifying their risks and developing mitigation measures following ADB's guidelines; (iii) poverty, social and gender assessment to develop strategy to address social concerns, including distribution of project impacts on poverty reduction; gap analysis of water users' association and farmer organizations; and how the women who comprise the great majority of the labor force can be involved more effectively in water management, based on the Initial Poverty and Social Analysis; and (iv) safeguards assessments and preparations of required frameworks or plans covering environmental, involuntary resettlement, and indigenous peoples impacts following the ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009) and government requirements.

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

#### **TA-8645-REG: Northern Pacific Healthcare Investment Study**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	225.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	18 July 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	8 May 2014

The TA will assist Professional Services Inc. (PSI), a leading Philippine healthcare firm, in assessing opportunities for international expansion in certain ADB developing member countries (DMCs) in the Pacific. It will assess the investment opportunity in healthcare services in Pacific DMCs identified as early candidates for PSI's Pacific strategy: Federal States of Micronesia, Palau and Marshall Islands. The countries were selected by PSI as promising targets based on preliminary market research. For each country, the study will assess investment opportunities immediately available to PSI, including greenfield projects, joint-venture or acquisition partnerships with existing health operators, and public-private partnerships with governments. The study will review the regulatory/legal, demand, supply, and competitive dynamics in each market, and generate strategic recommendations for PSI management.

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

**(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000****TA-8676-KAZ: Managing for Development Results in the Transport Sector of Kazakhstan**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Investment Policy Department of Ministry of Economy and Budget Planning
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	225.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	9 July 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	30 June 2014

The TA supports the government's priority to develop an efficient transport system and results-based management of the roads subsector. The impact of the TA will be improved planning, budgeting and service delivery in the transport sector. It will be monitored through integration of sector performance targets in the medium-term expenditure framework and annual budgets. The outcome of the TA will be enhanced institutional capacity of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MOTC) to manage the roads subsector using a results-based approach. The TA will have three main outputs: (i) managing for development results (MfDR) principles institutionalized and operationalized in MOTC; (ii) roads subsector results-based framework developed in line with national planning objectives; and (iii) Monitoring and evaluation system developed to support results-based planning, budgeting and monitoring in the roads subsector. The TA also aims to strengthen the roads sector management through establishing an MfDR framework that provides clear linkages between planning, budgeting, program and project implementation, and monitoring development results.

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

**TA-8631-NAU: Institutional Strengthening of the Nauru Utilities Corporation**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	225.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	11 April 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	1 April 2014

The expected impact of the TA is improved fiscal position of the Government. This will be measured by the decrease in fiscal transfer to Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC). The expected outcome of the TA is improved financial, operational and governance performance of the NUC. ADB assistance will support the NUC in the following activities: (i) develop and implement asset management and maintenance plan; (ii) improve accounting systems through integration of the asset registry and the financial management information system; (iii) implement Performance Management System for non-managerial NUC staff; and (iv) review the corporate governance of the organization.

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

**TA-8643-REG: Implementation of Microfinance Industry's Client Protection Principles**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	200.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	22 July 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	28 April 2014

The TA aims to help microfinance institutions (MFIs) in ADB's DMCs to foster customer relationships based on trust and provide better financial services to the clients, in particular, low-income households and women, through enhanced capacity to implement the microfinance Client Protection Principles. The principal focus of this TA will be the training of microfinance practitioners in selected DMCs, who in turn, should ensure that microfinance Client Protection Principles are embedded in their organization. Each selected participating MFI will have to register and commit to implementing the principles in their daily operations. Participants from regulators and supervisors of MFIs, as well as MFI associations, may also be invited to attend.

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

#### **TA-8644-REG: Sustainable Energy Training Program 2014**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 8 May 2014  
**Date Approved** : 8 May 2014

The overall impact of the TA will be greater commitment to clean energy investments in DMC development plans. The expected outcome will result to increased capacity to implement clean energy investment projects, through knowledge sharing that leads to increased DMC capacity and access to better information. Selected DMCs will be able to remove impediments to and subsequently commit to greater clean energy investments in their development plans. The TA proposes to support DMC participation at four identified training events, as follows: (i) Regional Energy Efficiency Workshop, to be held in ADB Headquarters, Manila, 15-16 May 2014; (ii) Energy Efficiency Training Seminar: Central and West Asia Region, to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 28-30 May 2014; (iii) Workshop on Regional Energy Trade, to be held at ADB Headquarters, Manila, September 2014; and (iv) Seventh Asia Solar Energy Forum, to be held in Seoul, Korea, 14-15 October 2014.

**Status of Consulting Services** : No consulting services required.

#### **TA-8655-REG: Facilitating Trade for Fragile and Landlocked States in the post-Bali Institutional Environment**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 21 May 2014  
**Date Approved** : 14 May 2014

The expected impact of this TA will be to contribute to improving the process of trade negotiations for fragile and conflict-affected states (FCAS) and landlocked developing countries (LLDCs). The expected outcome is for improved understanding of policymakers in the FCAS and LLDCs of emerging trade opportunities and bottlenecks. These will be supported by a set of papers that set out a roadmap of challenges and opportunities of existing and future formal trade arrangements and also through policy dialogues that will give government and the private sector opportunities to interact. This TA is intended to be the first step towards a wider engagement between Office of Regional Economic Integration, in coordination with relevant regional departments, and DMCs that are benefiting least from regional cooperation. It is

expected that this will be an initial report that will be the basis for proposing a more involved TA at the conclusion of this study.

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

**TA-8659-REG: Targeted Pacific Financial Sector Strengthening: Supporting National Risk Assessments**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Policy and Advisory  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 14 July 2014  
**Date Approved** : 28 May 2014

The impact of the TA will be reduced vulnerability to transnational financial crime through money laundering/ financing of terrorism risks in selected Pacific DMCs through enhanced tools used by the central bank, the financial intelligence unit, and related agencies. The outcome of the TA will be improved regulatory capacity among national regulators to combat transnational financial crime and to comply with the Financial Action Task Force Revised Standards through the use of best practices national risk assessments in selected Pacific DMCs. The TA will take place in certain Pacific DMCs with the following key activities: (i) conducting a national risk assessment on money laundering and the financing of terrorism in accordance with the requirements of the Revised Standards, which will include facilitating the establishment of functioning, high-level cross-agency dialogue in support of the assessment and preparation process; and (ii) drafting a roadmap for phase by phase revision of legal and regulatory enactments, institutional arrangements, and enforcement mechanisms.

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

**TA-8664-REG: Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI) Knowledge Platform on Economic Productivity**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Research and Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 25 June 2014  
**Date Approved** : 9 June 2014

The expected impact of the TA is a contribution to the RCI strategy for second generation RCI trade- and productivity-driven growth. The outcome will be increased awareness of contribution of RCI knowledge platforms and instruments (such as skill development for innovation) to productivity growth and welfare distribution, by participants of the Second generation RCI roundtable conference. The TA is designed to provide: (i) comparative analysis on historic origin and evolution of RCI to factor out region specific issues on RCI capacity development for productivity; (ii) development of effective benchmarks and indicators for RCI capacity development; and (iii) comparative analysis and tailoring of best practices for RCI knowledge tools and instruments.

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

### **TA-8673-REG: Enhancing Results Delivery in Operations**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	225.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	20 June 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	13 June 2014

This TA will contribute to the improvement of the delivery of results for DMCs by operations supported by the ADB. It will examine key operational issues that limit effectiveness of the operations, distill lessons to benefit future project design and implementation, produce knowledge products to widely communicate operational issues and results, and develop capacity on results-based project design and management. The impact of the TA is more effective and sustainable development results in DMCs. The outcome is improved project design and implementation.

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

### **(C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER SUBPROJECTS**

#### **TA-8642-IND: Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction - Project Preparation and Implementation Support for Odisha Power Sector Emergency Assistance (Subproject 31)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Project Preparatory
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Government of Odisha, Department of Energy
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	100.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	23 April 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	15 April 2014

The TA cluster for Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction in India was approved on 31 August 2009. The TA focus is on lagging and weak-capacity states and towards pro-poor sectors. The impact of the subproject is that population in the project area receive a more reliable power supply. The outcome is improved efficiency in project preparation of the Odisha Power Sector Emergency Assistance Project. The TA subproject's output will be due diligence works completed. This accomplishes improved project readiness through provision of guidance and assistance to the executing agency to complete the required environmental and social safeguards assessments, and assessment of economic feasibility of subprojects.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Consultant's work is ongoing.

#### **TA-8666-INO: Sustainable Infrastructure Assistance Program - Capacity Development for the Metropolitan Sanitation Management Investment Project (Subproject 6)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Directorate General of Human Settlements, Ministry of Public Works
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	2,000.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	15 July 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	13 June 2014

This TA will support long-term sustainability of the loan by providing expert advice to: (i) help establish the relevant agencies in the cities; (ii) create an operational framework for sanitation services which will include tariff structures and billing; and (iii) provide training to ensure continued sustainability of the services. In particular, the TA will provide capacity building activities which will include the setting up of institutions and financial policies, a sanitation regulatory framework, operation manuals and advisory services, billing and collection systems, and provision of trainings and workshops. The outputs of the TA will be the establishment of sanitation management institutions, public awareness of sanitation issues, the micro-marketing of sewer connections, and tariff setting. The TA is a subproject of the C-TA 0013-INO: Sustainable Infrastructure Assistance Program that was approved by ADB on 17 June 2013. The impact of the TA will be improved sanitation services in the cities of Cimahi, Jambi, Makassar, Palembang and Pekanbaru. The outcome will be strengthened institutional capacity of responsible agencies in sanitation management and health in these cities.

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

**TA-8658-REG: South Asia Economic Integration Partnership - Power Trading in Bangladesh and Nepal (Subproject 1)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	: Policy and Advisory
<b>Executing Agency</b>	: Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	: 1,000.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	: 2 June 2014
<b>Date Approved</b>	: 29 May 2014

The cluster TA on South Asia Economic Integration Partnership was approved on 7 May 2012. The countries eligible for financing under the cluster TA are Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal. The cluster TA focuses on four priority areas for cooperation, namely: (i) pre-feasibility work for trade-related cross-border infrastructure, transport logistics, and related software; (ii) energy trade and institutional capacity building; (iii) trade facilitation including customs modernization and harmonization; and (iv) other regional public goods that directly enhance economic integration in connection with trade in goods, services, and energy (e.g., strengthening financial systems, coordinating macroeconomic policies, addressing climate change vulnerabilities through energy trade, and other social and environmental conditions). This subproject seeks to support the implementation of recommendations of the meeting of the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) energy working group held in November 2012, and other interventions to hel cross-border power trade in Bangladesh and Nepal. Country-level studies, specifically data generation and analysis and feasibility of establishing power trading institutions will be undertaken in Bangladesh and Nepal under the proposed subproject. The impact of the subproject will be enhanced cross border electricity trade in Bangladesh and Nepal with neighboring countries. The outcome will be enhanced capacity of relevant agencies in Bangladesh and Nepal to foster cross-border power trading. The outputs of the subproject will be: (i) feasibility studies on establishing power trading companies in Bangladesh and Nepal completed; (ii) database from Bangladesh and Nepal to develop the SASEC Regional electricity transmission plan provided; and (iii) improved networking of Bangladesh and Nepal officials with their counterparts in other SASEC countries.

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