

**QUARTERLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000  
(30 September 2007)**

**TA-4895-ARM: Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project (Supplementary) (Project Preparatory)**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Armenian Roads Directorate
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	150.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	2 November 2006
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	30 July 2007

During the appraisal mission in July 2007, the Government requested ADB to finance surveys of 11 subprojects programmed for implementation in 2008 totaling about 107 kilometers. It is estimated that 11 national consultants, with a total of 23 person-months of consulting services, will be required to complete additional work estimated to cost about \$150,000. This additional work will not materially or fundamentally change the TA's objectives, components, costs, benefits and implementation arrangements.

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

**TA-3490-BAN: Regional Rail Traffic Enhancement Program (Supplementary) (Project Preparatory)**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Bangladesh Railway
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	117.846
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	9 March 2000
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	13 July 2007

On 10 January 2006, the consultants for the captioned TA submitted their Final Statement of Eligible Costs (FSEC) claiming a total amount of \$1,017,845.50 of which \$821,405.09 had already been paid, leaving a balance of \$196,440.41 outstanding. As the TA amount is \$900,000, there is a shortfall of \$117,846 in the TA budget for ADB to settle the consultants' claim.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Consultant's work completed. SATC is currently awaiting supporting documents from the consultant to process the final payment for this TA.

**TA-4386-BHU: Strengthening of the Payment and Settlement System (Supplementary) (Advisory)**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Department of Aid and Debt Management
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	30.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	5 April 2004
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	13 August 2007

The TA was approved on 7 September 2004 to assist the Government of Bhutan to establish an integrated and automated payment and settlement system at two sites, i.e., Thimphu and Phuntstsholing. The delivery of the hardware, software, and training have been completed at a total contract cost of INR17,355,140. The increase in TA amount was requested and approved due to weakening of the US\$ from the time of cost estimation to the time for payment to NCR of remaining contract balance.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Consultant's work completed.

**TA-4490-CAM: Enhancing the Resettlement Legal Framework and Capacity Building (Supplementary)** (Advisory)

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Economy and Finance  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 25.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 1 September 2003  
**Date Approved** : 9 July 2007

The additional budget of \$25,000, to be sourced from ADB's TASF resources, is required to (i) finance additional consultant inputs during the consultations with the NGOs; and (ii) assist MEF in responding to the NGOs and in revising the sub decree after each consultation. There is no change in project scope and the proposed increase in cost is less than 15% of the original project cost.

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

**TA-4305-SAM: Supporting the Samoa SchoolNet and Community Access Pilot Project (Supplementary)** (Advisory)

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Finance  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 105.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 28 November 20003  
**Date Approved** : 20 July 2007

A minor change in scope to include an additional assessment/study was approved by Director, Area B, PAHQ on 28 June 2007. The assessment is estimated to cost an additional \$105,000 which is equivalent to 13.8% of the total TA budget, including the Government's contribution. The increase will finance a total of 3 person-months of international consulting services to carry out the additional TA scope.

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

**TA-4958-TAJ: Farm Debt Resolution Program** (Project Preparatory)

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 31 July 2007  
**Date Approved** : 3 August 2007

Tajikistan's economy is highly dependent on cotton production. Cotton is grown on 50% of the country's irrigated farmland, represents 60% of the value of the total agriculture output, 75% of agriculture trade, 18% of total export receipts, 35% of tax revenues, and supports 75% of farm households. Key political and financial players are involved in the industry, and it provided key local tax revenues for 33 of the country's 75 districts. The Government passed Resolution #111 in March 2007. This document is a strong commitment to a broad and challenging reform agenda. To its credit, the Government has already started moving on reforms of the Land Code and cotton grading and marketing systems, and is starting movement on freedom of farmers to choose what and when to grow crops and sell their products. ADB currently has TA 4664-TAJ:

Farm Analysis and Awareness-Raising for Debt Resolution working on farm analysis and debt basis and options to prevent the problem from recurring. However, there are still gaps in the analytic work which need to be addressed in order to provide the basis for a multi-tranche program loan.

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

**TA-6144-REG: Better Air Quality Management in Asia (Supplementary)** (Regional)

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 75.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 9 May 2003  
**Date Approved** : 26 August 2007

The PRC State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) and CAI-Asia established the CAI-Asia China Project Office (CPO). The increase in TA budget of \$75,000 will cofinance CPO's activities for 2007 that include: (i) two Air Quality Management (AQM) training courses, (ii) a workshop to disseminate best practices demonstrating improved air quality achieved through sustainable urban transport and other AQM measures, and (iii) two pilot projects on AQM and/or sustainable urban transport in selected cities.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Recruitment of the consultant is being processed.

**TA-6278-REG: Innovative Information and Communications Technology in Education, and Its Potential for Reducing Poverty in the Asia and Pacific Region (Supplementary)** (Regional)

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 120.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 22 January 2005  
**Date Approved** : 30 August 2007

The captioned TA was approved on 2 December 2005 in the total amount of \$1,000,000 equivalent, which includes ADB financing of \$800,000 equivalent from the Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund and ADBI parallel financing of \$200,000 equivalent. Due to budgetary constraints, ADBI will be able to provide US\$120,000 as joint financing for international conference activities.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Preparations for 16-18 October 2007 International Conference on ICT for Education is ongoing.

**TA-6285-REG: Strengthening Country Safeguard Systems (2<sup>nd</sup> Supplementary)** (Regional)

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 70.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 26 August 2005  
**Date Approved** : 29 August 2007

The RETA's primary purpose is to set out the approach for the strengthening and use of country safeguard systems (CSS) and methodology for assessing the CSS through 5 country assessment studies. The increase in TA amount will fund a minor change in implementation

arrangement through additional consultant inputs to finalize for web posting the CSS reports and to prepare the combined ADB/World Bank report on the Philippines.

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

**TA-6406-REG: Seventeenth Tax Conference (Regional)**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	150.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	14 June 2007
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	13 August 2007

The overall goal of the RETA is to contribute to building capacity in public governance for tax policy and administration. The main objectives of the proposed ADB Tax Conference are to (i) provide a capacity building opportunity through the exchange of views, experiences and new knowledge in international taxation for policy design and administration, including sharing experiences in tax reforms; and (ii) to provide a forum that will encourage mutual understanding and cooperation among tax policymakers and senior officials from developing member countries of the region, in particular, on emerging issues of taxation.

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