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(A) Preparatory Technical Assistance Projects Not  
Exceeding \$1,500,000; (B) Technical Assistance  
Projects Not Exceeding \$225,000; and  
(C) Technical Assistance Cluster Subprojects  
(October—December 2012)

**QUARTERLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED (A) PREPARATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000; (B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000; AND (C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER SUBPROJECTS (October – December 2012)<sup>1</sup>**

<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) PREPARATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000</b>				
1	8198-ARM	Power Transmission Rehabilitation	700.000	22-Oct-12
2	8281-CAM	Strengthening Technical and Vocational Education and Training II	900.000	17-Dec-12
3	8317-CAM	Public-Private Partnership Development	900.000	19-Dec-12
4	8232-IND	Punjab Development Finance Program	290.000	22-Nov-12
5	8318-INO	Global Climate Partnership Fund - Indonesia Investment Program	450.000	21-Dec-12
6	8253-KAZ	Karaganda District Heating Network Rehabilitation	1,000.000	11-Dec-12
7	8268-MLD	Outer Islands for Sustainable Energy Development	1,100.000	10-Dec-12
8	8299-MON	Reforms in Technical and Vocational Education and Training in Mongolia	1,000.000	19-Dec-12
9	8050-NEP	Bagmati River Basin Improvement (Supplementary)	470.000	6-Nov-12
10	8272-NEP	Subregional Electricity Transmission Capacity Expansion	225.000	13-Dec-12
11	8315-PHI	Structuring a Public-Private Earthquake Insurance Pool in the Philippines	500.000	20-Dec-12
12	8201-PRC	Jiangxi Zhelin Lake Water Resources Integrated Utilization	750.000	29-Oct-12
13	8303-PRC	Xinjiang Akesu Integrated Urban Development and Environment Improvement	625.000	18-Dec-12
14	8306-RMI	Ebeye Water Supply and Sanitation	1,000.000	20-Dec-12
15	8231-SAM	Private Sector Development	600.000	4-Dec-12
16	8308-SAM	Renewable Energy	750.000	20-Dec-12
17	8271-SRI	Southern Highways Investment Program	1,000.000	10-Dec-12
18	8296-TON	Outer Island Energy Efficiency	400.000	17-Dec-12
19	8307-TON	Project to Implement the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience	750.000	19-Dec-12
20	8226-UZB	Water Resources Management	1,500.000	27-Nov-12
21	8227-UZB	Second Water Supply and Sanitation Investment Program	800.000	23-Nov-12
22	8285-VAN	Energy Access	750.000	18-Dec-12

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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23	8205-VIE	Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh City Power Transmission Development Sector	500.000	2-Nov-12
24	8207-VIE	Second Lower Secondary Education for the Most Disadvantaged Areas	800.000	6-Nov-12
25	8305-VIE	River Basin Water Resources Management and Development	700.000	19-Dec-12
26	6501-REG	Expanding the Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Initiative in Developing Member Countries (2nd Supplementary)	750.000	26-Nov-12
27	8233-REG	Greater Mekong Subregion Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth	1,200.000	23-Nov-12
<b>(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000</b>				
28	7691-BAN	Public-Private Partnership Program Operationalization (Supplementary)	225.000	14-Dec-12
29	8290-FSM	Public Administration Review of the National Government	225.000	18-Dec-12
30	8218-GEO	Promoting Financial Sector Resilience	150.000	9-Nov-12
31	7713-IND	Project Management Capacity Building for Water Resources Sector Executing Agencies (Supplementary)	200.000	19-Nov-12
32	7946-MLD	Developing the Revenue Administration Management Information System (Supplementary)	225.000	29-Nov-12
33	8210-MON	Preparation of Regulations and Capacity Development Plan for Involuntary Resettlement	200.000	12-Nov-12
34	8190-MYA	Trade Facilitation Support for ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint Implementation (Myanmar)	225.000	8-Oct-12
35	8216-MYA	Financial Management Assessment of Energy Sector	160.000	19-Nov-12
36	8288-MYA	Support to the Preparation and Dissemination of the Myanmar Gender Situational Analysis	115.000	17-Dec-12
37	8289-MYA	Strengthening Civil Society Participation in ADB-Financed Operations	225.000	11-Dec-12
38	8304-MYA	Maximizing Transport Benefits through Community Engagement	190.000	21-Dec-12
39	8286-NEP	Portfolio Management Capacity Enhancement	225.000	14-Dec-12
40	7496-PRC	Establishing a Regional Knowledge Hub for Sustainable Urban Development (Supplementary)	225.000	7-Dec-12
41	7963-PRC	Enhancing the Energy Regulation System for Low-Carbon Development (Supplementary)	120.000	25-Oct-12
42	8206-SRI	Capacity Development for Non-Revenue Water Reduction	200.000	5-Nov-12

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43	8219-THA	Thailand Intercity Motorway	225.000	20-Nov-12
44	8100-TUV	Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Supplementary)	90.000	11-Dec-12
45	8252-UZB	JSC Bank Ipak Yuli	225.000	5-Dec-12
46	7541-REG	Regional Forum on Investment Management of Foreign Exchange Reserves (Supplementary)	200.000	6-Nov-12
47	7650-REG	Regional Transport Development in South Asia (Supplementary)	225.000	17-Dec-12
48	7735-REG	Building Capacity for Environmental Prosecution, Adjudication, Dispute Resolution, Compliance, and Enforcement in Asia (2nd Supplementary)	225.000	17-Dec-12
49	7997-REG	Strengthening Knowledge-Driven Development in South Asia (Supplementary)	100.000	7-Dec-12
50	8237-REG	Supporting the Pacific DMCs in Financing their Climate Change Response	200.000	5-Dec-12
51	8265-REG	Capacity Building - Asia Finance and Risk Mitigation 2013	125.000	14-Dec-12
52	8270-REG	Supporting Energy Sector Development in South Asia Developing Member Countries	225.000	14-Dec-12
53	8273-REG	Supporting Participation in the Pacific Energy Summit	200.000	14-Dec-12
54	8274-REG	Improving the Implementation of Safeguard Policy Applications in selected South Asia Developing Member Countries	225.000	14-Dec-12
55	8275-REG	Support to the Pacific Pension Institute (PPI) in the Strengthening Pension Fund Industry in Asia-Pacific Region (Phase II)	225.000	3-Dec-12
56	8276-REG	Preparation of Energy Efficiency Policies and Guidelines for Bhutan and Nepal	225.000	12-Dec-12
57	8291-REG	Support to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	225.000	19-Dec-12
58	8292-REG	Preparing for Climate Action South Asia	225.000	14-Dec-12
59	8298-REG	Enhanced Development Effectiveness Reporting and Monitoring for Private Sector Operations in Developing Member Countries	15.000	20-Dec-12
60	8312-REG	Asia-Pacific and Americas: Proposed Customs Leaders' Partnership Dialogue - Efficient and Secure Trade for Shared Prosperity	225.000	19-Dec-12
61	8316-REG	ADB-OECD Joint Study on Enhancing Financial Accessibility for SMEs	225.000	11-Dec-12

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<b>(C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER SUBPROJECTS</b>				
62	8295-IND	Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction - Institutional Strengthening of the Chhattisgarh Public Works Department (Subproject 27)	500.000	11-Dec-12
63	7627-REG	Enabling Climate Change Responses in Asia and the Pacific - Capacity Development to Address Climate Change (Subproject 3) (2nd Supplementary)	415.000	18-Dec-12
64	8018-REG	Establishing a Pilot Center to Facilitate Climate Technology Investments in Asia and the Pacific - Promotion of Investment in Climate Technology Products through Venture Capital Funds (Subproject 1) (2nd Supplementary)	500.000	19-Dec-12
65	8109-REG	Establishing a Pilot Center to Facilitate Climate Technology Investments in Asia and the Pacific - Integration of Climate Technology Financing Needs into National Development Strategies, Plans, and Investment Priorities (Subproject 3) (Supplementary)	440.909	10-Dec-12
66	8189-REG	Implementation of Sustainable Transport in the Asia and Pacific Region - New Approaches to Implement Sustainable Low Carbon Transport in the Asia and Pacific Region (Subproject 5)	1,900.000	12-Oct-12
67	8191-REG	Enhancing Gender Equality Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries (Phase 2) (Subproject 3)	500.000	15-Oct-12
68	8266-REG	Country Diagnostic Studies in Selected Developing Member Countries (Subproject 1)	1,450.000	7-Dec-12
69	8311-REG	Enhancing Gender Equality Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries (Phase 2) (Subproject 4)	1,350.000	13-Dec-12

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

### **1. TA-8198-ARM: Power Transmission Rehabilitation**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	700.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	18 December 2012
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	22 October 2012

The main objective of the TA is to prepare the Power Transmission Rehabilitation Project and assist the executing agency (EA) undertaking advance procurement. It is needed to: (a) prepare the project in a short period of time to meet investment needs in Armenia; (b) prepare a feasibility study to undertake due diligence required to process a loan, and to prepare tender documents for the procurement; and (c) acquire expertise from a competent international consulting firm to prepare the project and to assist the tender process, considering the project's technical complexity. The TA will be implemented in two phases. In the first phase, the consultants will conduct a detailed feasibility study to assess the power sector investment requirements and identify the most suitable investment subprojects. Subject to the discussions with the Government, the identified investment project will be further developed and optimized in the second phase with due diligence assessment in accordance with ADB and the Government's requirements.

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

### **2. TA-8281-CAM: Strengthening Technical and Vocational Education and Training II**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	900.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	15 February 2013
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	17 December 2012

The proposed Project aims to support the Government of Cambodia in improving access to, and quality and relevance of the formal and technical vocational education and training (TVET) system. A key project focus is on increasing private sector involvement in TVET in order to achieve greater alignment between TVET and labor market needs. The TA will (i) prepare a situation and gap analysis of formal TVET system, inclusive of detailed analysis of labor market trends (with gender focus) and private sector engagement in TVET sector development; (ii) determine the scope and feasibility of proposed project investments, ranging from capacity building to civil works and equipment; (iii) prepare cost estimates and a financing plan; (iv) analyze financial and economic viability and sustainability; and (v) determine detailed implementation arrangements. It will prepare the project administration manual incorporating the above and other relevant aspects to guide overall implementation of the proposed project.

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

### **3. TA-8317-CAM: Public-Private Partnership Development**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Economy and Finance
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	900.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	To be listed
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	19 December 2012

A project loan is proposed to facilitate public-private partnerships (PPP) in the Kingdom of Cambodia, and along with the necessary enabling conditions to allow the Government to enable

greater private sector investment in infrastructure to accelerate Cambodia's economic growth. The TA will be implemented to prepare the scope of activities for the project. The TA's key output is a report containing: (i) proposals for strengthening the enabling environment for PPP, with particular reference to the development of the PPP Unit, Risk Management Unit, Project Development Facility, and Viability Gap Fund; (ii) method to identify viable PPP projects; and (iii) framework for preparing and transacting, and managing the projects.

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

#### **4. TA-8232-IND: Punjab Development Finance Program**

**Executing Agency** : Government of Punjab, Finance Department  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 290.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 7 December 2012  
**Date Approved** : 22 November 2012

The TA is required to facilitate preparatory works for the proposed project. Several background notes covering expenditure rationalization including subsidies, revenue reform, public sector enterprise restructuring, and social issues will be prepared under the PPTA. Expenditure tracking surveys will also be carried out. The scope of the TA is primarily focused on examining feasible options for fiscal space creation. Fiscal space creation will entail targeting a combination of policy measures which are as follows: (i) Expenditure rationalization - The TA will undertake a detailed public expenditure review including public expenditure tracking surveys. The tasks will include an assessment of overall allocation across sectors, as well as across different expenditure line items, e.g. salaries and wages, debt servicing payments, operations and maintenance, and other essential recurring costs, capital expenditure on new or ongoing projects. The detailed public expenditure review should also propose measures to improve effectiveness of expenditure allocations given the plan objectives. The TA will also provide a clear roadmap for (a) debt restructuring, and (b) rationalization of subsidies; (ii) Revenue augmentation – The TA will take stock of revenue mobilization measures already initiated by Government of Punjab, and identify further revenue reform measures, e.g. (a) expanding the base of value-added; (b) recommend steps to enhance buoyancy of stamp duty and registration fees, motor vehicle taxes, state excise duty, and other minor taxes; and (c) recommend ways of strengthening tax administration, including department restructuring and computerization plans, if required. In the field of nontax revenues, the TA should provide recommendations for a realistic program of introducing user fees; and (iii) PSEs restructuring – The TA will provide a clear roadmap for restructuring selected PSEs that include all the options including effective closure. It should also provide practical suggestions, consistent with subsidy rationalization measures (Item i), to improve the balance sheets of the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited.

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

#### **5. TA-8318-INO: Global Climate Partnership Fund - Indonesia Investment Program**

**Executing Agency** : Global Climate Partnership Fund  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 450.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : To be listed  
**Date Approved** : 21 December 2012

The objective of the TA is to establish a solid deal flow for renewable energy (RE) and energy efficiency (EE) investments through banks in Indonesia. The TA will also determine an appropriate financing mechanism by which resources from the anticipated financing partners

ADB, Global Climate Partnership Fund (GCPF) and the ADB Clean Technology Fund (CTF) provide finance to RE and EE investments through local banks. The TA will support the preparation and pipeline development that precede the investment by ADB and CTF with GCPF. This includes: (i) Part A – identification and evaluation of EE and RE investments in line with ADB's policies and CTF's eligibility criteria and other requirements; and (ii) Part B – financial structuring of the CTF and ADB investment vehicle in or alongside GCPF.

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

## **6. TA-8253-KAZ: Karaganda District Heating Network Rehabilitation**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Economy and Budget Planning  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 1,000.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing<sup>2</sup>** : 8 December 2012  
**Date Approved** : 11 December 2012

The proposed project aims to enhance operational efficiency of district heating systems in Karaganda province. It has two main components: (i) rehabilitation of seven pumping stations, replacement of 127 kilometers (km) of pipelines, and provision of metering, instrumentation and controls, and a supervisory, control and data acquisition system; and (ii) institutional capacity building on technical and regulatory issues, and carbon financing and trading mechanisms. The main objective of the TA is to prepare the Karaganda District Heating Network Rehabilitation Project. It is necessary on the following grounds: (i) The project is urgently needed to meet the investment needs in Kazakhstan's district heating systems; (ii) While the Government has a plan to invest in the project, there is a need to prepare a feasibility study to undertake due diligence required to process a loan for the project, and to prepare tender documents for the procurement; and (iii) There is a need for expertise from international and national consultants to prepare the project and to assist the tender process, considering the project's demonstration and replication potential, and lack of familiarity with ADB guidelines and procedures.

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

## **7. TA-8268-MLD: Outer Islands for Sustainable Energy Development**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Environment and Energy  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 1,100.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 15 December 2012<sup>2</sup>  
**Date Approved** : 10 December 2012

The proposed project is part of the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program to reduce diesel dependence in the Maldives, improve the electricity sector, and address key macroeconomic issues through tapping into indigenous and cheaper sources of electricity. The TA is required to develop the project, undertake detailed engineering studies for selected representative subprojects and to conduct the overall feasibility studies. It would support: (i) selection of representative subprojects for engineering studies from the different groups of outer islands, (ii) detailed engineering studies including energy audits, load assessments, resource assessment, grid stability studies, growth in electricity demand, evaluation of options for integrating renewable energy with storage in the existing grids, (iii) design of suitable structures for productive energy usage and gender related interventions on islands, (iv) overall feasibility studies including financial, economic, environmental, social studies, and (v) review of

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<sup>2</sup> Consulting Services Recruitment Notice (CSRN) posting date was used, instead of the Business Opportunities listing date.



governance, financial capacity, procurement capacity and related capacity support for the executing and implementing agencies.

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

## **8. TA-8299-MON: Reforms in Technical and Vocational Education and Training in Mongolia**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Labor  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 1,000.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 23 January 2013  
**Date Approved** : 19 December 2012

With a view to improving the employability of technical vocational education and training (TVET) graduates in priority sectors of the economy, the proposed project will address the following issues: (i) ongoing TVET policy development which has been slowed down by the recent government restructuring; (ii) lack of a skills development strategy to implement key development policies of the government; (iii) insufficient employer and industry engagement in TVET policy development and implementation; (iv) underinvestment in training and professional development of TVET teachers and managers; and (v) students' lack of preparedness, trainability, and career information in secondary and special education schools. Although significant investments have been made in the TVET sector in recent years with the support of development partners and the private sector, those issues have not sufficiently been addressed in part for lack of detailed and focused analyses, and coordinated efforts. Given the circumstances, the will perform in-depth analyses of the labor market, TVET policies and delivery systems, TVET teacher polices and training programs, partnership arrangements between TVET providers and employer/industry, and interests and capacity of secondary and special education schools to undertake pre-vocational training programs and will recommend policy and project design and operating procedures in preparation for the proposed project. It will also conduct capacity building activities for the EA and implementing agencies (IAs); consultations with stakeholders; and seminars, workshops, and events for raising public awareness about TVET.

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

## **9. TA-8050-NEP: Bagmati River Basin Improvement (Supplementary)**

**Executing Agency** : Water and Energy Commission Secretariat  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 470.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 27 January 2012  
**Date Approved** : 6 November 2012

One of the project's priority components is improving upper Bagmati River environment through social mobilization, river riparian environment improvement and water storage to collect monsoon rainfall and compensate for the natural flow of the river that is diverted for drinking water supply. The dam sites initially identified were disqualified due to geological fault and the PPTA team had to conduct further studies to identify replacement sites. Two promising sites with the combined capacity of 9 million cubic meters that is needed to secure the required river flow have been identified in September 2012. However, the available TA budget is not sufficient to undertake the feasibility study on the 2 dams which are larger than originally anticipated and located in the sensitive location upstream of Kathmandu. The additional TA amount will allow for additional surveys and studies needed that include subsurface drilling, seismic analysis and dam break analysis with supervision and laboratory testing. These are required for the feasibility

studies to prove the dam safety, and refine the cost estimates. The additional surveys and design works will be entrusted to the firm currently undertaking the feasibility study through and extension and increase in amount of the existing contract.

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

#### **10. TA-8272-NEP: Subregional Electricity Transmission Capacity Expansion**

**Executing Agency** : Nepal Electricity Authority  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 22 January 2013  
**Date Approved** : 13 December 2012

The proposed project is designed to address the urgent needs of the Nepal power system. It targets the strengthening and expansion of transmission systems that will enable Nepal to further benefit from its abundant hydropower resources. Transmission network strengthening and expansion, in conjunction with current hydropower generation development, is a precondition to reducing load shedding and increased cross-border electricity trade. The key activities under the TA include: (i) review and update the assessment of the operational environment and the performance of the Nepal power sector, institutional setup, its future plans and long-term sustainability; (ii) undertake problem tree analysis; (iii) coordinate with other development partners; (iv) prioritize and scope the subprojects based on national and regional priorities; (v) conduct initial assessment on technical, financial and safeguards aspects of the feasibility studies of selected subprojects, and (vi) make preliminary risk assessment and propose mitigation places. The defined scope of subprojects and the initial assessment report will be developed through full consultation with relevant government agencies, development partners and related communities.

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

#### **11. TA-8315-PHI: Structuring a Public-Private Earthquake Insurance Pool in the Philippines**

**Executing Agency** : Department of Finance, Insurance Commission  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 500.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 22 January 2013  
**Date Approved** : 20 December 2012

The TA will undertake due diligence and prepare the major project documents for the investment loan to support the structuring of the sustainable Public-Private Earthquake Insurance Pool, and will draw from existing models in Latin America, Turkey, as well as Indonesia and Taipei, China. The consulting risk modeler will: (i) continue to upgrade the earthquake risk model initiated under an earlier capacity development TA and develop the pricing of insurance and reinsurance products, (ii) initiate and provide ongoing training on risk modeling to the project management unit staffed from Government and industry. The financial consultants will also undertake the institutional and project development activities in consultation with international insurance and legal experts, (iii) establish the governance arrangements of the pool, including the independence of the board of directors; (iv) develop and undertake the stress testing of the pool's business plan, investment policy and reserve funds; and (v) identify optimum funding structures for the Public-Private Earthquake Insurance Pool (EQ Pool), both in terms of debt and equity. The TA will assist the Government in accordance with ADB policy requirements. Its outcome will be to produce an agreed project design, feasibility study, and implementation arrangements suitable for ADB financing. The TA's scope will include the phased preparation of the project loan. Philippine Insurance and Reinsurance Association

members, who are invested in the EQ Pool, will jointly hold ownership of the risk model and the underlying data with the regulator's representative. They will be represented on the board. The risk model will be ceded to the pool upon its legal incorporation, to facilitate continuous premium rate calibration.

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

## **12. TA-8201-PRC: Jiangxi Zhelin Lake Water Resources Integrated Utilization**

**Executing Agency** : Jiujiang Municipal Government, Jiujiang Development and Reform Commission  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 750.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 26 September 2012  
**Date Approved** : 29 October 2012

The proposed project will address the concerns of water security and environmental sustainability in the project area in its design, which are to: (i) satisfy household water security in all communities; (ii) support productive economies in agriculture and industry; (iii) develop livable cities and towns; (iv) restore healthy rivers and ecosystems; and (v) build resilient communities that can adapt to climate change. The TA will ensure that the design and preparation of the proposed project can fully meet the loan processing requirements of the ADB, and be suitable for ADB lending support. The major output of the TA will be a project design for a loan which responds to the needs of the clients and fulfills the requirements and safeguards policies of ADB. The delivery of consulting services under the TA requires innovative approach to suit the complex nature of the project. The TA will: (i) assess the project's technical, financial, and economic feasibility; (ii) review environmental and social safeguards compliance; (iii) prepare and revise project documents to meet ADB's requirements; (iv) assist in preparing project implementation schedules; and (v) conduct training and capacity development.

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

## **13. TA-8303-PRC: Xinjiang Akesu Integrated Urban Development and Environment Improvement**

**Executing Agency** : Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Government  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 625.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 19 February 2013  
**Date Approved** : 18 December 2012

The Xinjiang Regional Government and Akesu Prefecture Government, in consultation with ADB, have identified the project components under the proposed ensuing loan. It is a multisector and technically complex project—requiring full scale due diligence in technical, economic, financial, social, resettlement, environmental, and institutional aspects through the TA. The TA will develop the project suitable for ADB funding, in conjunction with the country partnership strategy, sector and operational experience, international best practices, and lessons from previous projects. It has following expected outputs and activities: (i) an inception report, outlining the overall assessment and implementation plan within the first month of mobilization; (ii) an interim report, including (a) the preparation of a comprehensive project feasibility study, (b) an assessment and detailed recommendation to improve the development plan of the targeted areas, (c) initial plan for socially integrated and water efficient urban development, and (d) recommendations on the project scope in view of such plans, within the fourth month of mobilization; (iii) a draft final report within the sixth month of mobilization; and

(iv) a final report addressing comment from Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Government, the EA, and ADB one month after the submission of draft final report.

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

#### **14. TA-8306-RMI: Ebeye Water Supply and Sanitation**

**Executing Agency** : Office of the Chief Secretary  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 1,000.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 13 February 2013  
**Date Approved** : 20 December 2012

The proposed project will address factors which result in the high incidence of waterborne disease on Ebeye, an island within Kwajalein Atoll. The number of cases of waterborne disease, primarily gastroenteritis, recorded by Ebeye Hospital since 2001 averages 1,182 cases per year. The high incidence of waterborne disease was attributed to: (i) limited access to safe water; (ii) ineffective hygiene behaviors, particularly among children; and (iii) a dilapidated sanitation system. The TA will assist Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utility Resources (KAJUR) to prepare asset management plans (AMPs) to improve delivery of water supply and sanitation services on Ebeye, and build the financial and technical sustainability of KAJUR. It will be implemented in 2 phases. Phase 1 will: (i) assess water supply and sanitation and electricity services; (ii) identify constraints and opportunities for the sustainable delivery of safe water, sanitation and power services; and (iii) prepare the water supply sanitation and electricity master plans, and associated, prioritized and costed investment plans. Phase 2 will prepare: (i) the water supply, sanitation, and electricity supply AMPs; (ii) detailed designs and bidding documents for selected high priority investments identified in the AMPs; and (iii) the due diligence for the proposed investment project.

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

#### **15. TA-8231-SAM: Private Sector Development**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Finance  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 600.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 23 January 2013  
**Date Approved** : 4 December 2012

The Government requested ADB for support in the design of a private sector development project to focus on the promotion of effective agro-value chains as a means of stimulating the role of agriculture in economic growth and poverty reduction. The TA will be carried out in two phases. Phase 1: To finalize overall project concept and key parameters with government and the private sector based on selected products and respective analyses. Phase 2: Based on the agreements in phase 1 to: (i) undertake due diligence covering technical, financial, economic, poverty and social and safeguards aspects in order to determine detailed project components; (ii) establish ownership by the Government, the private sector, possible cofinanciers and other stakeholders of the design process and respective contributions; (iii) assess and agree with the Government and the private sector on the scope of the proposed project, detailed components, implementation arrangements and financing mechanism; (iv) undertake capacity assessment of EA and IAs; and (v) collaborate with the Private Sector Operations Department or potential complementary investment activities.

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

## 16. TA-8308-SAM: Renewable Energy

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Finance
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	750.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	To be listed
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	20 December 2012

The proposed project will assist the Government's efforts to reduce the country's heavy reliance on imported fossil fuels for power generation. By providing a secure, sustainable and environmentally-sound source of electricity for consumers, it will implement a package of small hydropower equipment and works in Upolu and Savai'i Islands consisting of an indicative grid connected new power capacity of about 2.5 MW, generating an additional estimated 10,047 megawatt hour (MWh) of electricity per year. The TA will include: (i) due diligence on the feasibility studies of the small hydropower scheme elaborated by Electric Power Corporation; (ii) carry out feasibility study for the Alaoa Dam to increase storage capacity for Samasoni hydropower scheme and settlement for drinking water; (iii) design of a business model for community participation in the project; (iv) preparation of an investment pipeline for implementing the hydropower scheme; (v) evaluation of selected schemes composed of technical (energy efficiency issues), economic, financial (including cofinancing assessment), environmental, legal and social considerations, safeguards, and gender action plan; (vi) evaluate alternative procurement strategies, recommend procurement and contract management risk mitigating strategy, and preparation of procurement plan and draft tender documentation; and (vii) operation, maintenance and capacity strengthening program for EPC including customers.

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

## 17. TA-8271-SRI: Southern Highways Investment Program

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Ports and Highways
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	1,000.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	19 February 2013
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	10 December 2012

The proposed investment program will improve the efficiency of road network in the south region of Sri Lanka to handle the fast-growing travel demand incurred by the economic and social activities. In order to address the bottlenecks of national road network in Southern Province and Western Province, the investment program will: (i) rehabilitate about 35 km of national highways providing access to the Southern Expressway, (ii) extend the Southern Expressway by constructing about 40 km of elevated expressway towards the origins and destinations of traffic in Western Province, and (iii) improve the efficiency of the Ministry of Ports and Highways to operate the expressway network and the associated facilities. The proposed investment program, together with the earlier Southern Transport Development Project, will lay the foundations for modernizing the country's transport sector. The TA will: (i) prepare an action plan to strengthen the institution and policy framework plan for expressway development and operation, (ii) recommend appropriate construction technologies for Sri Lanka's road sector, and (iii) provide technical support for project preparation to review the feasibility study and preliminary design of Southern Expressway Extension, and to improve the implementation readiness.

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

## 18. TA-8296-TON: Outer Island Energy Efficiency

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Finance and National Planning
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	400.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	21 January 2013
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	17 December 2012

To maximize the distribution of newly installed solar electricity, the Government has requested ADB's assistance to upgrade the existing power distribution grids of: (i) Ha'apai, including 'Uiha, Nomuka, Ha'ano and Ha'afeva; (ii) Vava'u; and (iii) 'Eua. The proposed project will replace grid assets (cable, poles, distribution transformers and switchgear) and existing street lighting with efficient street lighting powered by solar panels. It will minimize power distribution losses and reduce the fuel consumption of the existing diesel power plants, thus avoiding about 2,025 tons of carbon dioxide per year. The TA is required to develop the proposed project. It will include: (i) due diligence for all technical, economic, financial, environmental, legal and social considerations of each project site in (a) Ha'apai, including 'Uiha, Nomuka, Ha'ano and Ha'afeva; (b) Vava'u; and (c) 'Eua, including social and environmental safeguards, and gender action plan; and (ii) operation, maintenance and capacity strengthening program for Tonga Power Limited including customers.

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

## 19. TA-8307-TON: Project to Implement the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Finance and National Planning
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	750.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	24 January 2013 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	19 December 2012

The proposed project will: (i) build capacity in climate change adaptation and disaster risk management at community, sector and national levels; (ii) provide information, tools, and legislative frameworks needed to introduce climate change considerations into government and sector planning and budgeting processes; and (iii) provide access to resources (technical, human, financial) to address the climate change risk priorities of the Government, as well as those of vulnerable communities through a combination of soft and hard measures. This will lead to a progressive increase in the resilience of ecosystems and infrastructure; the foundations of the country's sustainable development aspirations. The TA is needed for conducting technical, economic, financial and social due diligence, and to prepare project documentation required for ADB Board approval. Its major activities are as follows: undertaking an assessment of information gaps and development of a knowledge management program; conceptualizing the project including the design and monitoring framework and baseline data; evaluating technical, economic and financial viability of proposed interventions; liaison with stakeholders to finalize project management arrangements and an administration framework; conducting poverty reduction, gender and social impact analysis and safeguards assessments (environment and involuntary resettlement); assessing financial management, procurement, anticorruption measures, policy and legal, capacity, and other institutional issues and mechanisms; preparing procurement and selection criteria for the activities, implementation arrangements and a project administration manual.

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

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<sup>3</sup> Consulting Services Recruitment Notice (CSRN) posting date was used, instead of the Business Opportunities listing date.

## 20. TA-8226-UZB: Water Resources Management

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	1,500.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	30 November 2012
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	27 November 2012

The proposed project includes water resource management and irrigation as one of the core sectors, and focuses on the rehabilitation of a major irrigation system to make the system more energy-efficient and reduce the cost of its operation. Its key outputs will be: (i) reliable irrigation water supply and use by rehabilitation and modernization (R&M) of prioritized pump stations; (ii) efficient irrigation water supply and use by R&M of prioritized irrigation structures, application of more efficient irrigation system management, application of water-saving irrigation and agriculture practices by farmers, and operationalization of water consumers' associations; (iii) more financially sustainable water supply and use by increasing collection of water delivery service fee and as a result of the replacements of pumps with more energy-efficient ones; and (iv) decreasing water logging and land salinization by rehabilitation of prioritized drainage structures. The TA is required to complete due diligence for the ensuing project. Its objective is to design an investment project for improved water resources management and enhanced productivity of irrigated agriculture in the project area.

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

## 21. TA-8227-UZB: Second Water Supply and Sanitation Investment Program

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Uzbekistan Agency "Uzkommunkhiznat"
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	800.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	20 December 2012
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	23 November 2012

The proposed multitranches financing facility (MFF) program will support the long-term water supply and sanitation (WSS) development program of the Government. The MFF will improve living and health conditions of the populations in Namangan, Tashken, Djizzak and Kashkadarya provinces. The objective is to improve access to safe and reliable WSS service through improved and expanded infrastructure and institutional capacity. The water component will include reconstruction and expansion of: (i) water intakes; (ii) water transmission facilities; and (iii) water networks. The sewage component will include reconstruction and expansion of: (i) wastewater treatment plants; (ii) wastewater facilities; and (iii) sewerage networks. The MFF will also upgrade operations and maintenance, and strengthen institutional and management capacity. The TA will assist the Government to conduct feasibility study, due diligence, and safeguard assessment. To ensure project readiness, advance action for detailed design and project management support will be adopted during the preparation stage.

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

## 22. TA-8285-VAN: Energy Access

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Department of Energy, Mines and Mineral Resources
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	750.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	25 January 2013
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	18 December 2012

The impact of the proposed project will be improved livelihoods of households in targeted provinces. Its outcome will be increased supply of affordable grid-connected electricity to households in targeted provincial centers. The outputs will be: (i) extension of the electricity distribution grids, (ii) two hydropower plants put into operation, (iii) capacity building undertaken for IA and project beneficiaries, and (iv) efficient project management services. The TA is required to: (i) assess technical alternatives to ensure selected investments are least cost, (ii) prepare feasibility studies for selected investments, (iii) conduct due diligence on the proposed project, (iv) undertake capacity building analysis, (v) assess options for involvement of private sector, including independent power producer investment, operation and maintenance contracts, and (vi) familiarize the IA with ADB's procurement procedures, disbursement procedures, and safeguard requirements.

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

### **23. TA-8205-VIE: Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh City Power Transmission Development Sector**

**Executing Agencies** : Ha Noi Power Corporation and Ho Chi Minh City Power Corporation  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 500.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 13 November 2012  
**Date Approved** : 2 November 2012

The proposed sector project will strengthen the capacity and reliability of the power infrastructure in the two largest cities of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam—Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh City—through the rehabilitation and development of the 220 kilovolt (kV) and 110 kV high voltage power transmission systems in the respective cities. It will also strengthen the institutional capacities of Ha Noi Power Corporation (HNPC) and Ho Chi Minh City Power Corporation (HCMPC) that are responsible for the supply of power in the respective cities. The Government of Viet Nam has requested for a sector loan from ADB's ordinary capital resources to assist with the financing of the sector project with joint cofinancing from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Infrastructure Fund. The TA is required to review and finalize the project documents prepared by HNPC and HCMPC, including: (i) reviewing the governing master plans or equivalent for the transmission and distribution system development; (ii) reviewing the pre-feasibility studies and feasibility studies of the subprojects; (iii) ensuring that the safeguards documents are prepared in accordance with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009); (iv) preparation of financial and economic analyses of the project and subprojects; (v) preparation of bidding documents for priority subprojects; (vi) procurement capacity assessment of the IAs; (vii) addressing common procurement issues in power sector projects in Viet Nam; (viii) assessing utility management practices of the IAs and recommending comprehensive capacity development program to build their institutional capacities with due consideration for support provided by development partners including Japan International Cooperation Agency, KfW and the World Bank; (ix) reviewing all existing plans and road maps for the introduction of smart grid to IAs and proposing a smart grid component for the project including an appropriate capacity development program; and (x) providing project start-up support after the completion of the Final Report.

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

### **24. TA-8207-VIE: Second Lower Secondary Education for the Most Disadvantaged Areas**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Education and Training



<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	800.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	8 November 2012
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	6 November 2012

The proposed project will build on the achievements of the ongoing Lower Secondary Education for the Most Disadvantaged Regions Project (LSEMDRP). Among the pilot initiatives of LSEMDRP are the following successful activities that will be continued and scaled-up: (i) awareness campaign to promote ethnic minority/girls' education; (ii) e-learning and e-counseling by linking teacher training colleges and lower secondary schools (LSS); and (iii) provision of continuing professional development. New initiatives will also be piloted. These include: (i) the development of a new disaster management education program, which will include curriculum development and the construction of structurally strengthened LSS models in the typhoon-affected Coastal Region as part of a climate change adaptation measure; (ii) the establishment of a teacher network to provide support for ethnic minority teachers; (iii) new programs on life-long skills for ethnic minority students, including vocational orientation, using the Education for Sustainable Development approach; (iv) the piloting of a direct funding system to improve ethnic minority LSS through the provision of block grants; and (v) strategic LSS library development to enhance the quality of learning. The TA will review and assess the performance of the lower secondary education subsector in Viet Nam, in particular, schooling for ethnic minority and other disadvantaged groups and identify the challenges which are a bottleneck of socio-economic growth. It will help develop an investment project suitable for ADB financing in terms of technical, financial, economic, institutional, and safeguard dimensions. It aims that ADB will agree with the Government of Viet Nam on a project design that will help improve the employability and competitiveness of a young labor force of the country by 2020 through preparation of the feasibility study report of the project.

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

## **25. TA-8305-VIE: River Basin Water Resources Management and Development**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	700.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	3 November 2010
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	19 December 2012

The project will assist the Government of Viet Nam to prepare for future national water security by establishing a national water resources information system (WRIS) that will enable fact-based integrated water resources management, including a rational policy-based system for water allocation and demand management. The WRIS, underpinned by a comprehensive national database on water sources and water demand, will provide detailed information that will allow effective water governance aimed at water security in the face of a growing gap between water supply and demand. The WRIS will align with and support the government's stated goal of promoting sustainable growth and building a knowledge-based economy. It will be consistent with the ADB's Water Operational Plan's priorities of supporting fact-based water governance as well as expanded knowledge and capacity development. The TA will assist the Government to prepare a project for ADB processing, including independent assessment of policy and technical issues and their institutional ramifications. It will assist the Government define the scope, cost, financing plan, implementation arrangements including assigning responsibility for advance action. It will assess capacity building needs within Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and custodians of related databases and define post-project O&M arrangements. Safeguard and financial management policies of both the ADB and the Government that should be followed during project implementation will be defined. The TA will guide on actions to maximize the social and economic benefits, including the formulation of water allocation

procedures, data sharing and access protocols to improve long-term sustainable management of natural resources and the environment; the planning of training required to encourage inter-agency data sharing; assured access to summary data and findings by the general public, and the setting of transparent charges for the sale of information generated from the data. It will advise on the need and scope of a phased implementation of the proposed system of data gathering, analysis and management, and for the introduction of a basin approach to water management. The TA will define the context for an assessment of the nation's water governance, as a means to assess the effort required or the likelihood to achieve lasting change for water security.

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

**26. TA-6501-REG: Expanding the Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Initiative in Developing Member Countries (2nd Supplementary)**

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 750.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 22 February 2010  
**Date Approved** : 26 November 2012

The TA that was first approved on 10 November 2008 continues to support the operations of the Clean Energy Financing Partnership Facility (CEFPF) by financing the fund management team that coordinates CEFPF implementation. As designed, it is expected to continue supporting secretariat operations of CEFPF until TA completion. CEFPF is an integral facility within ADB's Clean Energy Program, helping ADB achieve its clean energy investment targets. The TA is also funding the: (i) preparation of a renewable energy certificate scheme in Sri Lanka; (ii) development of feed-in tariff policy recommendation for the region; (iii) provision of technical guidance in ADB's financing assistance to developing member countries in energy efficiency project implementation; (iv) policy research on current incentives that promote clean energy development in the region; and (v) annual publication of ADB's Clean Energy Investments Project Summary. The increase in TA amount will fund: (i) additional consultants' inputs consisting of 30 person-months of international consultancy and 130 person-months of national consultancy inputs; and (ii) knowledge events, including the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Asia Clean Energy Forum in 2013 and 2014.

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

**27. TA-8233-REG: Greater Mekong Subregion Tourism Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth**

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 1,200.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 7 December 2012  
**Date Approved** : 23 November 2012

The project will catalyze broad-based economic growth in the participating countries (Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), and Viet Nam) by improving urban-rural connectivity, urban environmental infrastructure, and tourism destination management in priority segments of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) economic corridors. The expected impact of the project is that socioeconomic benefits of tourism increase and are more equitably distributed in the GMS. The outcome will be increased cross-border tourism receipts that will benefit people living in underdeveloped segments of the GMS economic corridors. This will be achieved through access and urban environmental infrastructure improvements and stronger

tourism destination management capacity. Project outputs would be: (i) improved urban-rural connectivity; (ii) improved urban environmental conditions; (iii) strengthened institutional capacity for tourism destination management; and (iv) effective project implementation and knowledge management. Project areas include contiguous segments of the Southern Coastal Corridor in Viet Nam and Cambodia; Southern Corridor in Viet Nam; Central Corridor in Lao PDR; and Eastern Corridor in Viet Nam.

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

## **(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000**

### **28. TA-7691-BAN: Public-Private Partnership Program Operationalization (Supplementary)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	: Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	: Prime Minister's Office
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	: 225.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	: 25 January 2011
<b>Date Approved</b>	: 14 December 2012

Implementation of the TA first approved on 6 December 2010, has been progressing as planned with excellent cooperation and coordination among the EA and IAs. To date, the TA has helped to create the national Public-Private Partnership (PPP) institutions and, in concert, delivered a suite of supporting policy and procedural documentation covering PPP institutional operations; PPP project development, processing, tendering and finance procedures; developed a national PPP website, model PPP contract documents; and a draft national PPP law. The increase in TA amount will cover the cost of additional scope of work under the extension of TA completion date to provide: (i) legal support to the EA and IA to (a) refine the definition and treatment of PPP structures and related instruments under the PPP framework, and (b) finalize implementing rules under the PPP law to be adopted; (ii) support the PPP Office (PPPO) in refining its newly developed project screening and project development management criteria in its operations; and (iii) support the PPPO in addressing government line ministry and private investor interest and activities in the PPP program and advancement of the pilot projects identified. The change also allocates monies to support workshops with government ministries and private sector, communications products and inputs associated with engaging in such outreach.

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

### **29. TA-8290-FSM: Public Administration Review of the National Government**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	: Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	: Office of the President of the Federal States of Micronesia
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	: 225.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	: 6 December 2012
<b>Date Approved</b>	: 18 December 2012

The Federated States of Micronesia has long recognized the importance of having a public administration that is responsive, effective, efficient and accountable. The "Development Framework - Looking to the Future," which was presented at the Development Partners Forum in November 2012, reiterates this notion once again. The national government has articulated the need to: (i) carefully revisit the organizational set-up of its public administration and the management of the National Public Services System (NPSS); and (ii) develop options to strengthen the institutional and human resource foundations to enable more responsive, efficient and accountable public service. The impact of the TA will be an overall political and administrative consensus on the need for revising the NPSS, and adoption of the recommended approach. The outcome will be that the Office of the President endorses measures to strengthen the national public administration and the NPSS for submission to Congress.

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

### 30. TA-8218-GEO: Promoting Financial Sector Resilience

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	National Bank of Georgia
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	150.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	14 February 2013
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	9 November 2012

In 2011, National Bank of Georgia (NBG) started elaborating new capital adequacy regulation that complies with the standardized approach of Basel II/III documents and requires documents and requires Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Program (ICAAP) implementation from banks, which are all privately owned. The new regulation is to be enforced from 1 January 2013. Although most banks are on the right track to comply with Pillar 1 requirements, for the vast majority of them, Pillar 2 appears complicated since they lack previous experience with ICAAP which is the cornerstone of better customized bank risk assessments and related capital requirements. For the same reasons, NBG needs expert support to its staff to guide banks and gain better understanding of what to be expected from banks under ICAAP and how to run the Supervisory Review and Evaluation in compliance with Basel II and III Pillar 2 standards. The TA is expected to raise understanding of banks' deliverables under their individual Capital Adequacy Assessments, and benchmark these deliverables with international best practice. Simultaneously, NBG will have a better understanding of how to review and evaluate ICAAP submissions from banks and what supervisory actions should be taken to mitigate bank risks.

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

### 31. TA-7713-IND: Project Management Capacity Building for Water Resources Sector Executing Agencies (Supplementary)

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Department of Economic Affairs
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	200.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	7 March 2011
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	19 November 2012

First approved on 16 December 2010, the TA aims to increase EAs' implementation capacity in six states and union territories having water/coastal loan projects with ADB (specifically MFF tranches) including Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Orissa. This is by: (i) establishing multidisciplinary project management systems; (ii) advancing/completing procurement and consulting services/nongovernment organization packages; (iii) improving civil works procurement, contract and construction management, and quality control systems; and (iv) compiling training materials and tools developed under the TA while also identifying local training institutes to jointly develop and/or institutionalize training programs depending on EAs' needs. The increase in TA amount will finance continuation of essential advisory support and training for concerned EA staff including: (i) capacity building in improved construction management and contract administration techniques directly relating to implementation of water sector subprojects; (ii) facilitating supervision of ongoing construction works for quality control, measurement and financial management; and (iii) knowledge sharing opportunities through exposure visits to private sector projects demonstrating best practice in construction methods and implementation. Provisions for studies, surveys, and reports are also being included in the TA to cover some of these activities where appropriate.

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

### **32. TA-7946-MLD: Developing the Revenue Administration Management Information System (Supplementary)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Ministry of Finance and Treasury
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	225.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	4 April 2011
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	29 November 2012

The TA grant was first approved on 5 December 2011. Its impact is to enhance fiscal space to implement the government's Strategic Action Plan, which is to be measured by an increase in the ratio of tax revenue to gross domestic product. It will strengthen the "nascent" tax administration agency, established only in 2010, by: (i) improving the revenue policy and regulatory framework; (ii) supporting its audit and assessment division; and (iii) implementing the automation of its revenue administration business procedures. The additional funding will finance the integration of additional taxes in the revenue administration management information system. These additional taxes were adopted by Parliament only after development of the system design. Currently, the system covers only 2 taxes, namely the Business Profit Tax and the Tourism Goods and Service Tax.

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

### **33. TA-8210-MON: Preparation of Regulations and Capacity Development Plan for Involuntary Resettlement**

<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>	:	14 December 2012
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	12 November 2012

The TA is intended to contribute to the Government's higher-level objectives for increased economic development and improved urban and rural development, while ensuring displaced persons are adequately safeguarded. Its outcome will be improved management of land expropriation and resettlement issues in Mongolia; this would be evident from timely and satisfactory agreements on land acquisition and resettlement and by improved living standards of displaced persons. The TA will: (i) continue assisting the Ministry of Construction and Urban Development to finalize the Land Expropriation (LE) Law based on interministerial reviews and assess cost implications of the proposed legislation; (ii) complete the drafting of relevant regulations for the proposed LE Law; (iii) finalization of institutional assessment and a proposed 3- to 5-year capacity development plan; and (iv) continued awareness and consensus building for the proposed legislation among stakeholders and lawmakers.

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

### **34. TA-8190-MYA: Trade Facilitation Support for ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint Implementation (Myanmar)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Policy and Advisory
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	225.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	24 December 2012
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	8 October 2012

The TA will support the Government of Myanmar (GOM) to conduct benchmarking using time release surveys (TRS) based on revised World Customs Organization guidelines to generate baseline data and analytical reports, as well as build capacity to undertake regular survey in the future for assessing the progress of trade facilitation in Myanmar. It will identify bottlenecks in trade facilitation procedures for further discussion with GOM. TRS will be conducted by the Customs Department, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, at major Customs checkpoints in Myanmar such as Yangon Port and Yangon International Airport. The TA will also improve regulatory frameworks and operations of Customs to facilitate and promote the adoption and/or ratification of Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC). Customs administrative orders will be reviewed to identify gaps with the provisions of RKC and actions suggested introducing modern customs practices such as: (i) improved customs classification, valuation, rules of origin, advance rulings, and appeal system to enhance transparency and predictability; (ii) enhanced risk management and information technology systems and coordinated border management to increase efficiency and effectiveness; and (iii) other modern customs techniques including special procedures for authorized operations. The findings of the TRS will be utilized for the review.

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

### **35. TA-8216-MYA: Financial Management Assessment of Energy Sector**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 160.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 15 February 2013  
**Date Approved** : 19 November 2012

The TA was approved to review, identify gaps and recommend improvements to the overall financial management system of the key agencies (Yangon Electric Supply Board, Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, Electric Supply Enterprise, Ministry of Electric Power) in the energy sector that ADB will be involved with in the coming years. It is consistent with the ADB Interim Country Partnership Strategy (ICPS). According to the ICPS, ADB's objective under the interim strategy is to reengage Myanmar and develop a comprehensive country strategy partnership and program in support of sustainable and inclusive economic development and job creation. In the interim period, one program area to be emphasized by ADB is the building of human and institutional capacity in ADB's areas of focus and strength to help lay the foundation for medium-term engagement and effective development processes. In the energy sector in particular, ADB's initial assessments have identified that one of the near-term needs is a TA for institutional strengthening and capacity building.

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

### **36. TA-8288-MYA: Support to the Preparation and Dissemination of the Myanmar Gender Situational Analysis**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Policy and Advisory  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 115.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 20 December 2012  
**Date Approved** : 17 December 2012

The Government of Myanmar, ADB and selected agencies under the United Nations Country Team have agreed to partner to strengthen gender mainstreaming approaches in Myanmar's development assistance support, including ADB assistance. In this context, the TA will support the

preparation and dissemination of the Gender Situation Analysis (GSA) Report and associated advocacy materials for Myanmar. The GSA will be based on the Government's National Strategic Plan for the Advancement of Women 2012-2021 (NSPAW) and proposes to: (i) inform the dialogue between the Government, and development partners on key gender issues in the country; (ii) facilitate alignment between NSPAW and gender equality priorities and interventions in key sectors and subsectors in future ADB support; and (iii) establish a baseline for gender mainstreaming in key sectors. The TA is in line with ADB's phased approach to re-engagement with Myanmar involving preparatory analytical work, as outlined in the Interim Country Partnership Strategy 2012-2014. As the first GSA prepared for Myanmar, it will be a necessary thematic assessment to inform ADB's future CPS.

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

### **37. TA-8289-MYA: Strengthening Civil Society Participation in ADB-Financed Operations**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Policy and Advisory  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 20 December 2012  
**Date Approved** : 11 December 2012

Myanmar is undergoing a process of economic, political and social reforms. Civil society has the potential to play an important role in both supporting the government reforms as well as solidifying those which have already taken place. Yet in the past, civil society has struggled to be heard and its relations with previous governments have been complex. Given a new opportunity to work with a reform-minded government, ADB recognizes the critical importance of ensuring that its interventions throughout the project cycle include the voices of a wide range of stakeholders, particularly those who may have been overlooked, including ethnic minorities. ADB understands that it can reinforce and legitimize civil society and ethnic groups by visibly including them in its consultations. ADB has agreed with civil society requests to consult with grassroots organizations that have a presence in Myanmar to gain a better understanding of how conditions are on the ground and away from the major urban centers, and is expanding its contact base for this purpose. The TA will help develop a comprehensive Consultation and Participation Plan to ensure that ADB and the Government of Myanmar are able to integrate a wide range of civil society stakeholders with often diverse concerns into their programming, and to support ADB's country operations in Myanmar.

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

### **38. TA-8304-MYA: Maximizing Transport Benefits through Community Engagement**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Construction  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 190.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 22 January 2013  
**Date Approved** : 21 December 2012

Outputs of the TA will be: (i) the development of target group analysis to enhance meaningful participation in the Greater Mekong Subregion East-West Economic Corridor (EWEC) project; (ii) increased impact of road projects among target communities; and (iii) Ministry of Construction staff gain a greater understanding of how a community can leverage the impact of a road project. The project will work with local residents to develop a thorough stakeholder analysis for



the communities along or served by the proposed EWEK road project, including returnees and existing community groups. The project consultants will design and facilitate at least three consultative and participatory workshops for each group of community members (which is likely to be three groups, based on distances and population centers) in the target area to develop a communications and participation plan for the road project. The TA will strengthen and support the road project and provide a community-engagement program which will involve local leaders and the Kayin people in the decision-making process and ensure local accessibility requirement are developed which enable inclusive development of the state, in addition to the regional connectivity provided by the road upgrade. The findings of the TA will provide inputs to the proposed project preparatory TA for the Feasibility Assessment of Greater Mekong Subregion East-West Economic Corridor Extension into Myanmar Project.

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

### **39. TA-8286-NEP: Portfolio Management Capacity Enhancement**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 24 December 2012  
**Date Approved** : 14 December 2012

Results from the 2012 quarterly country portfolio review meetings and the annual Country Portfolio Review Mission identified the need for ADB to create and integrate focused project management capacity development programs to enhance EA and IA capacity. Specific assistance is needed for: (i) effective project startup with requisite readiness, and handholding support for initial procurement processes with awareness building; (ii) enhanced effectiveness of project management through systematic procurement and physical progress planning and monitoring, and exchange of implementation experiences; (iii) dissemination of best practices; and (iv) capacity enhancement of EA and IA. In ongoing projects, causes identified for governance issues and operational delays include: (i) the lack of adequate information and understanding of ADB policies and procedures, and (ii) weak internal capacity and internal control in the areas of audits, financial management, consultant recruitment, procurement, monitoring and evaluation, and crosscutting thematic areas. The TA is expected to deliver training programs to EA and IA staff working on ongoing and new ADB-financed projects. The training modules will be designed to improve awareness of existing government systems in addition to ADB procedures. Project implementation training will cover ADB procedures on procurement, consultant selection, disbursement, financial management, gender and social inclusion and safeguard procedures. The training will consist of national and project-specific programs, which will aim to support middle and junior staff. Cross-learning will be promoted by encouraging EA and IA staff to visit project sites of projects that are performing well to learn from their implementation experience. Best practices identified during project preparation and implementation will be disseminated among EAs and IAs and other stakeholders.

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

### **40. TA-7496-PRC: Establishing a Regional Knowledge Hub for Sustainable Urban Development (Supplementary)**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Policy and Advisory  
**Executing Agency** : College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0

**Business Opportunities Listing** : 22 February 2010  
**Date Approved** : 7 December 2012

Implementation of the TA first approved on 15 February 2010 is on track. Since its inception, the PRC Urban Knowledge Hub has conducted annual knowledge sharing workshop, developed case studies, established a webpage and linked document repository, and developed communications to wider networks of urban stakeholders. It is envisaged that the PRC Urban Knowledge Hub will continue beyond this TA and its sustained operation will require support from ADB, the Government, and other stakeholders. ADB and College of Architecture and Urban Planning (CAUP) staff will engage with stakeholders in the PRC and internationally to ensure the PRC Urban Knowledge Hub is well established and to garner support for its future operation. The additional funding support will supplement the TA activities to allow East Asia Department and CAUP to continue to share urban good practices within the PRC and with other DMCs and thus contributing to the original outcomes and impacts of the TA. The TA will be implemented until 30 June 2015.

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

#### **41. TA-7963-PRC: Enhancing the Energy Regulation System for Low-Carbon Development (Supplementary)**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Policy and Advisory  
**Executing Agency** : National Energy Administration  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 120.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 5 December 2011  
**Date Approved** : 25 October 2012

The TA was first approved on 9 December 2011. Since shale gas – an unconventional natural gas that can replace coal as fuel in power plants and industrial application – is widely anticipated to play a crucial role in low-carbon development in the PRC, it was agreed to expand the scope of the TA to support a comprehensive study on shale gas development and recommend associated regulations in the PRC. The first of a two part approach to meet the need of this expanded scope aims to launch urgent studies to assess the potential for shale gas and develop recommendations for policies and a supervision mechanism suitable to propel shale gas development in the PRC will utilize the TA's current uncommitted amount. This increase in TA amount will finance the proposed second part of the expanded scope to help: (i) develop environmental best practices guidelines and recommend a mechanism to effectively enforce these guidelines, (ii) design an appropriate pricing mechanism, and (iii) assess the impact of the shale gas industry development on renewable energy resources. The expanded scope is timely as the PRC is on the threshold of launching large-scale shale gas development. At this early stage of shale gas development in the PRC, it is crucially important that lessons from peer countries are learnt and that an adequate regulatory framework is established to ensure that this resource is developed in an environmentally sustainable way.

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

#### **42. TA-8206-SRI: Capacity Development for Non-Revenue Water Reduction**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : National Water Supply and Drainage Board  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 200.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 7 November 2012  
**Date Approved** : 5 November 2012

The main purpose of this TA is to support the EA in achieving its non-revenue water (NRW) reduction targets for Colombo City, thus complimenting and further strengthening the expected outcomes of the proposed Investment Program. The impact of the TA is improved water supply in Colombo; and the outcome is successful implementation of NRW reduction program and strategies in Colombo. It will have the following outputs: (i) baseline for NRW in Colombo city established; (ii) water balance assessments independently certified; (iii) technical recommendations provided by independent experts on the proposals, methodologies and strategies for NRW reduction program prepared under the Investment Program; and (iv) specialized trainings provided to the EA staff on NRW reduction and leak detection.

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

#### **43. TA-8219-THA: Thailand Intercity Motorway**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Policy and Advisory  
**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Finance  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 11 December 2012  
**Date Approved** : 20 November 2012

The TA will determine the most appropriate financing modality to enable the government to reach an informed decision on the development of the Bang Yai – Nakhom Pathom – Kanchanaburi intercity motorway. To achieve this, it will undertake an option analysis, determine a viable payment mechanism, conduct an affordability analysis and prepare a risk matrix to establish a business case for adopting public-private partnership (PPP). To assess whether the private sector is willing and able to undertake the PPP, the TA will explore potential funding sources, including the Infrastructure Fund established by Securities and Exchange Commission for motorway financing and development and will include financial and commercial viability appraisals. Through the TA, ADB will provide value addition by promoting greater private sector participation in infrastructure development which is consistent with ADB's strategic development partnership with Thailand.

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

#### **44. TA-8100-TUV: Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Supplementary)**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 90.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 28 June 2012  
**Date Approved** : 11 December 2012

It was initially envisaged that the Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI) TA would assist the government with the merger of the Tuvalu Philatelic Bureau with Tuvalu Post and Tuvalu Travel and the contracting out of the Vaiaku Lagi Hotel (VLH) management. However, only high level off-island assistance was provided by PSDI, requiring the TA to provide for ground assistance. The change in scope will allow the TA to provide further assistance to ensure the smooth transition of the merged entities and to assist government in the process of contracting out the VLH management. Achievement of these actions will also contribute to the government's progress towards policy actions to release budget support from the Australian Agency for International Development.

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

**45. TA-8252-UZB: JSC Bank Ipak Yuli**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 19 February 2013  
**Date Approved** : 5 December 2012

On 19 October 2012, ADB's Board approved the equity investment in the local currency equivalent of \$6 million for Ipak Yuli. Ipak Yuli is a universal bank which provides retail, commercial and corporate banking activities; securities operations; foreign currency operations; money transfers; origination of loans and guarantees; and taking of deposits. The impact of the TA is to improve financial intermediation by Ipak Yuli. Such success will be measured by an improvement in nonperforming loans and capital adequacy ratios. The outcome of the TA is the demonstrated success of Ipak Yuli through its adoption and implementation of improved policies and procedures based on international best practices. This will be reflected in the bank's board resolutions, quarterly annual financial statements, specific reporting to ADB, and annual environmental and social performance reports. The outputs of the TA include the development and delivery of a gap analysis, action plan, and implementation plan for strengthening the policies and procedures for each risk management/ internal controls and credit risk management.

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

**46. TA-7541-REG: Regional Forum on Investment Management of Foreign Exchange Reserves (Supplementary)**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 200.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 8 April 2010  
**Date Approved** : 6 November 2012

The RETA was first approved on 3 June 2010 and aims to promote effective reserve management frameworks in developing member countries (DMCs) and enable knowledge sharing and cross-learning in the area of reserve management. The first forum was held in Singapore in June 2011, and the second was held in Hong Kong, China in September 2012. These forums served as opportunities for reserve managers to share best practices and experiences, to exchange views with their counterparts from across the region and to discuss developments on issues related to investment management of foreign exchange reserves. They enabled active networking and collaboration among central banks within and outside the region. Due to the positive feedback received from the participants and the aim to continuously provide the DMCs with regular venue for cross-border interaction that will support collaborative capacity development to enable DMC officials to: (i) increase their awareness and understanding on sound practices on reserve management; and (ii) to have access to valuable information that will keep them updated on market developments and potential threats, the third forum is planned to be scheduled in 2013. The Bank of Korea signified its intention to co-host the forum.

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

**47. TA-7650-REG: Regional Transport Development in South Asia (Supplementary)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Policy and Advisory
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	225.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	8 October 2010
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	17 December 2012

A minor change in scope of the TA, first approved on 16 November 2010, includes a study of multimodal connectivity logistics and full feasibility study of Bhutan Subregional Project. New requirements include: (i) for the regional transport study, additional survey and analysis required to take into account more logistical chains with detailed regional connectivity, and (ii) for feasibility study, a full feasibility study of the priority regional project in Bhutan. Also, additional inputs are required for project management. These are indispensable to deliver the ensuing project's intended outcome in an optimal manner. The change does not change the TA's outcome but strengthens regional cooperation and integration projects with high readiness.

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

**48. TA-7735-REG: Building Capacity for Environmental Prosecution, Adjudication, Dispute Resolution, Compliance, and Enforcement in Asia (2nd Supplementary)**

<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>	:	1 October 2010
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	17 December 2012

The implementation of national programs in Indonesia and Pakistan are considered successful in terms of the initial outputs and positive response from the respective governments. Following this, new requests from Bhutan, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, and Viet Nam have been received for support to strengthen their judicial capacity in environmental adjudication through needs assessment, in partnership with the Supreme Court, federal and provincial judicial academies, and environmental tribunals. The support also includes the possibility of establishing green benches, where teams of judges are selected with experience in environmental adjudication from within the existing judiciary to act as an environmental bench. In addition, the support may also involve work in the formal and informal justice systems to ensure that access to rights are strengthened and enforced. This includes the piloting of an integrated enforcement system; drawing in the participation of the Ministry of Environment, the attorney general, and law enforcement agencies. These activities will build on the current work done under the TA to boost the capacity for environmental law and also capitalize on the work done conducted by development partners to reinforce environmental compliance and enforcement.

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

**49. TA-7997-REG: Strengthening Knowledge-Driven Development in South Asia (Supplementary)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	100.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	19 January 2012
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	7 December 2012

A change in scope of the TA is required to include the technical assistance and advisory support to the government of Nepal in preparing necessary groundwork with regard to setting up an economic policy think tank. The activities envisaged to support the government in the design of the think tank will consist of: (i) studying a suitable legal, institutional, and organization structure for the think tank; (ii) assessing viable funding sources for the entity which are sustainable; (iii) proposing relevant operational measures for running the entity, including on financial management; (iv) sharing knowledge among different stakeholders in the design of the institution; and (v) helping prepare a communications strategy that the government can employ to garner buy-in of different stakeholders.

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

#### **50. TA-8237-REG: Supporting the Pacific DMCs in Financing their Climate Change Response**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 200.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 18 December 2012  
**Date Approved** : 5 December 2012

The TA will carry out a stocktake and analysis of existing climate change financing in the Pacific Region, consolidate information on program implementation and new sources of financing for climate initiatives to support cross-country learning, and propose concrete, feasible recommendations to increase Pacific DMCs' access to climate change financing. It will consider ongoing initiatives of ADB's Regional and Sustainable Development Department as well as relevant Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific agencies and development partners on climate change financing studies, particularly the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme Climate Change Financing Study (2010) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Study on Improving Access to and Management of Climate Change Resources (2011). The TA will have two main outputs: (i) conduct stocktake and analysis of existing climate change financing in the Pacific Region; and (ii) preparation of recommendations to improve the Pacific DMCs' access to the said climate change financing windows. These two outputs will be consolidated in a technical report that will be submitted by ADB to the Working Committee of Pacific DMC Finance Ministers, for them to present to the Pacific Governors at the 46<sup>th</sup> ADB Annual Meeting in May 2013.

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

#### **51. TA-8265-REG: Capacity Building - Asia Finance and Risk Mitigation 2013**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 125.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 23 January 2013  
**Date Approved** : 14 December 2012

The TA will be used to finance the organization of the Asia Finance and Risk Mitigation Forum 2013 on 30 April 2013, in Mumbai, India. The objective of the conference is to bring private investors and bankers together with public and private risk mitigation providers to discuss current issues of interest related to trade and investment in ADB's DMCs. Prominent moderators and panelists will be sought from the private and public sectors. The event is

expected to attract investors, financial institutions, public officials, exporters, contractors, development agencies, and international financial institutions attending the ADB Annual Meetings in Delhi.

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

## **52. TA-8270-REG: Supporting Energy Sector Development in South Asia Developing Member Countries**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 23 January 2013  
**Date Approved** : 14 December 2012

The TA aims at providing critical operational support to develop operations strategy, business plans and roadmaps for the energy sector of each South Asia DMC, including project identification and assistance in project processing, to ensure readiness and quality at entry for projects under preparation as well as those already in the implementation stage. It will also cover identification and preparation of investment transactions to further advance regional cooperation and integration. The expected impact will be reliable, adequate and cleaner power supply for sustainable economic growth; and the expected outcome will be improved energy sector planning and development, and project portfolio performance.

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

## **53. TA-8273-REG: Supporting Participation in the Pacific Energy Summit**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Policy and Advisory  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 200.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 21 January 2013  
**Date Approved** : 14 December 2012

ADB is providing the TA to support the delivery of the Pacific Energy Summit (PES) to be held in Auckland, New Zealand from 26-28 March 2013. The TA will produce the following outputs: (i) renewable energy road maps, (ii) project briefs for renewable energy development, and (iii) support and coordination to PES participants during the event. ADB will prepare these outputs for the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and Solomon Islands. Other development partners that are supporting the event will prepare additional road maps and project briefs for other Pacific island countries (PICs), so that coverage of the event is region-wide. Delivery of outputs should be submitted on or before mid March 2013. The impact of the TA will be the increased deployment of renewable energy technologies in the Pacific region within 5 years of its completion. The outcome will be enhanced capacity of PIC governments in developing renewable energy targets and deploying sustainable generation of electricity.

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

## **54. TA-8274-REG: Improving the Implementation of Safeguard Policy Applications in Selected South Asia Developing Member Countries**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 17 December 2012  
**Date Approved** : 14 December 2012

This TA is intended to scope and form the basis for improvement in environmental and social safeguards implementation work in South Asia Department (SARD) DMCs, initially, India, Bhutan and Nepal. Initial scoping will guide subsequent planning and targeting areas of concerns in implementing ADB-funded projects from a safeguard perspective. Such an initiative also emanated from government feedback and review missions indicating the need for additional assistance to streamline safeguard considerations in project implementation. The TA will assist in enhancing the effectiveness of mitigation measures pertaining to environmental and social safeguard policy applications within development interventions of ADB, which in turn will also be reflected in projects funded both by domestic and other multi and bilateral sources. SARD DMCs will benefit from identification of any barriers including legislative/ policy as well as resource and capacity constraints, all of which plays a critical role in the implementation of safeguard requirements. The components envisioned for the S-CDTA are: (i) country specific assessments and capacity development action plans, and (ii) plan for automated safeguard performance tracking system.

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

**55. TA-8275-REG: Support to the Pacific Pension Institute (PPI) in the Strengthening Pension Fund Industry in Asia-Pacific Region (Phase II)**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : To be listed  
**Date Approved** : 3 December 2012

The TA builds upon the lessons learned from the successful completion of TA 7677-REG: Support to the Pacific Pension Institute in Strengthening the Pension Fund Industry in Asia-Pacific Region, and complements ongoing work by the Regional Departments and Economics and Research Department on pensions systems in Asia. The objective of this TA is to deepen inter-regional linkages by strengthening the Asia-Pacific Region's pension fund institutional platforms and the knowledge base of senior level and middle management pension fund fiduciaries through enhanced dialogue, communications, technology, education and training on pension fund investment and risk management. Besides deepening and expanding the capacity of Asian pension fund fiduciaries, this TA will also be instrumental for promoting viable and sustainable social safety nets while helping to strengthen the region's capital markets and also highlight ADB's leadership role in this area. The expected impact is to have well regulated and stable pension systems by strengthening the capacity of pension fund managers in select Asian DMCs through knowledge sharing of best practices. The expected outcome is the identification of opportunities for pension fund managers in select Asian DMCs for diversification of their investment portfolios with the adoption of international best practices and deepening of inter-regional linkages among Asia's pension funds by end of 2017.

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

**56. TA-8276-REG: Preparation of Energy Efficiency Policies and Guidelines for Bhutan and Nepal**



<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Policy and Advisory
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	225.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	To be listed
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	12 December 2012

The TA will support the preparation of national energy efficiency and conservation policies and guidelines for Bhutan and Nepal. The initiatives also include assessment of Energy Efficiency Potential in Bhutan and Nepal. The TA intervention will be conducted to link the existing policies, regulations, standards, technology deployment and other issues, and best practices in the neighboring countries, such as in India. The consultant will prepare the policy studies and the Energy Efficiency Policies, Guidelines and Technical Reports.

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

**57. TA-8291-REG: Support to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora**

<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 December 2012
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	19 December 2012

ADB's response to its strategic priorities and the increasing needs to address environmental challenges vary from support in the establishment of new laws, training members of the legal profession, support public participation in environmental governance, partnering with various regional and international organizations, and networking with partners and civil society. In October 2012, the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) requested ADB for a technical assistance to accelerate law enforcement and compliance of CITES provisions in ADB's DMCs. The outcomes of the TA will contribute to: (i) the improved implementation and enforcement of CITES provisions concerning legal and illegal international wildlife trade in ADB's DMCs; and (ii) the preparedness of DMCs to deal with wildlife crimes and to respond to new developments and directions in legal and illegal wildlife trade.

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

**58. TA-8292-REG: Preparing for Climate Action South Asia**

<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>	:	15 February 2013
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	14 December 2012

The impacts of climate change pose serious economic threats to South Asia DMCs of the ADB in a time when rapid and sustained economic growth is necessary to reduce poverty and achieve other millennium development goals. It is expected that the region will continue to experience climate-induced extreme weather events and natural disasters compromising the stability and prosperity of South Asia DMCs. Actions are, therefore, needed to steer the direction of the economies of DMCs toward climate-resilient and low-carbon development. The TA will support the preparation of the Climate Action South Asia (CASA) initiative for

strengthening South Asia DMCs' capacity in climate risk screening of development investments as well as undertaking climate-resilient and low-carbon development projects and programs. CASA has preliminarily identified four pillars based on initial consultations with stakeholders, namely: (i) strengthening climate risk assessment and screening, (ii) strengthening country programming to enhance climate change investments, (iii) establishing a transformation-driven capacity building program in South Asia DMCs, and (iv) enhancing knowledge management and best practices sharing.

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

**59. TA-8298-REG: Enhanced Development Effectiveness Reporting and Monitoring for Private Sector Operations in Developing Member Countries**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Research and Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 15.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 14 February 2013  
**Date Approved** : 20 December 2012

The TA will improve the reporting and monitoring of development results indicators of private sector operations (PSO) in DMCs. The consulting services provider will examine the different development output and outcome indicators used by the participating development finance institutions (DFIs) and their definitions, assess them against best practice, and make recommendations on common core indicators and definitions that might then be adopted by the participating DFIs. Having a common set of indicators will facilitate the feedback of lessons learned from PSO in DMCs. With development results data being comparable across years, and across countries, these lessons will be based on quantified evidence. The study supported by this TA will provide private sector clients in DMCs with consistent, relevant, and tractable development results indicators for PSO. With clear definitions, clients will reduce their transactions cost and be able to plan for costs and activities with more certainty. The main outputs of the study are a common set of development effectiveness indicators and reporting mechanism for PSO that have been developed from the collective knowledge and experience of a wide range of DFIs.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Recruitment of consultants undertaken by IFC in consultation with other MDB partners.

**60. TA-8312-REG: Asia-Pacific and Americas: Proposed Customs Leaders' Partnership Dialogue - Efficient and Secure Trade for Shared Prosperity**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : To be listed  
**Date Approved** : 19 December 2012

The rapid increase of trade and investment between Asia and the Pacific (AP) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) has transformed the two regions into powerful engines of the world economy. This TA will advance customs modernization and trade facilitation and security (CMTFS) that can effectively respond to challenges and opportunities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It will increase awareness among customs officials in the two regions of CMTFS challenges, opportunities, best practices, new tools, methodologies and approaches; and collaboration strategies for the future. It will also support the organization and conduct of the proposed

Dialogue, and develop and publish a report of conference proceedings. The Dialogue will be held in Panama for two days to: (i) share achievements, challenges, and best practices in the AP and LAC regions, focusing on major CMTFS topics, which will be mutually beneficial for both regions; and (ii) discuss and determine medium- and long-term strategic directions for South-South CMTFS cooperation in the AP and LAC regions.

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

**61. TA-8316-REG: ADB-OECD Joint Study on Enhancing Financial Accessibility for SMEs**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Research and Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 225.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 15 January 2013  
**Date Approved** : 11 December 2012

The TA will support DMCs' policymaking to improve small and medium enterprises' (SMEs') access to finance through the provision of a comprehensive menu of policy options including innovative SME finance modalities. It will extract those from intensive discussions in two planned Workshops and the study report to be jointly compiled by ADB and OECD. It is also to facilitate ADB to diversify the design of its operations in support of SME financing. The expected outcome of the TA is to facilitate DMCs to undertake policy discussions on new SME financing modalities responding to possible financial crises in the future. It will increase awareness and understanding on the importance of bank lending efficiency, diversified financing alternatives, and the role of public financial institutions for SMEs. The main output of the TA is a study report tentatively entitled "Enhancing Financial Accessibility for SMEs: Lessons from Asian and OECD Areas' crises" on which both ADB and OECD have informally agreed. The report will be composed as a joint study between the two organizations, based on intensive discussions with DMC regulators, policymakers, and financial institutions who are invited to the Workshops to be organized by ADB and OECD.

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

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

#### **62. TA-8295-IND: Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction - Institutional Strengthening of the Chhattisgarh Public Works Department (Subproject 27)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	: Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	: Chhattisgarh Public Works Department
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	: 500.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	: 21 December 2012 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Date Approved</b>	: 11 December 2012

The capacity development TA for \$1,000,000 for Institutional Strengthening of the Chhattisgarh Public Works Department will support the institutional development initiatives of the Government of Chhattisgarh (GOC). The TA will assist and support the project implementation unit in improving project implementation, designing and approving additional non-sample projects, enhancing road safety, and ensuring the future operation and maintenance of the project roads through an improved road asset management system. The consultants will conduct district and statewide training and workshops as required. The TA is estimated to cost \$1,000,000, of which (i) \$500,000 will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-other sources); and (ii) \$500,000 by TA-8295-IND, financed by the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom to be administered by ADB under the Cluster Technical Assistance to India for Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Recruitment of consultants is being processed, deadline for submission of EOI is 18 February 2013.

#### **63. TA-7627-REG: Enabling Climate Change Responses in Asia and the Pacific – Capacity Development to Address Climate Change (Subproject 3) (2nd Supplementary)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	: Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	: Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	: 415.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	: 8 July 2010
<b>Date Approved</b>	: 18 December 2012

The TA is a subproject of the Cluster TA on Enabling Climate Change Responses in Asia and the Pacific approved by the Board on 30 July 2010. Subproject 3 aims to strengthen participating DMCs and development practitioners' capacity to apply the best available climate change knowledge to development planning. The additional funds will finance a change in scope to accommodate the delivery of the second year of the Redraw the Line communications campaign and the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit 2013 (DSDS). The change in scope will: (i) extend the communications campaign in Subproject 3; (ii) support ADB's participation as a senior partner in DSDS; and (iii) accommodate the additional funding needed for the Sustainable Asia Leadership Program.

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

#### **64. TA-8018-REG: Establishing a Pilot Center to Facilitate Climate Technology Investments in Asia and the Pacific - Promotion of Investment in Climate**

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<sup>4</sup> Consulting Services Recruitment Notice (CSRN) posting date was used, instead of the Business Opportunities listing date.

### **Technology Products through Venture Capital Funds (Subproject 1) (2nd Supplementary)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Policy and Advisory
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	500.0
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	20 January 2012
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	19 December 2012

The TA was first approved for implementation on 20 December 2011. It is one of the subprojects of Cluster TA 0008: Establishing a Pilot Center to Facilitate Climate Technology Investments in Asia and the Pacific approved by the Board on 29 August 2011. The TA seeks to support venture capital funds through the provision of expert advice on emerging technologies that can help address climate change. The supplementary financing will be used to cover a portion of the consulting inputs from international and national consultants that will be engaged to support ADB's Climate Public-Private Partnership Fund. The experts will be responsible for managing, coordinating, and providing advisory services to: (i) selected early stage fund managers on investment and co-investment opportunities in the climate finance space, and (ii) potential institutional and private sector investors with interest in allocating capital to climate-related investment opportunities.

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

### **65. TA-8109-REG: Establishing a Pilot Center to Facilitate Climate Technology Investments in Asia and the Pacific - Integration of Climate Technology Financing Needs into National Development Strategies, Plans, and Investment Priorities (Subproject 3) (Supplementary)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	440.9
<b>Business Opportunities Listing</b>	:	7 October 2011
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	10 December 2012

The TA was approved for implementation on 5 July 2012. It is one of the five subprojects of Cluster TA 0008: Establishing a Pilot Center to Facilitate Climate Technology Investments in Asia and the Pacific approved by the Board on 29 August 2011. The TA is supporting the incorporation of climate technology considerations into the ADB country partnership strategy and country operation business plan processes, with the aim of bridging climate technology-related gaps and opportunities identified by environment and other line agencies, and investment programs coordinated by economic and planning ministries. The additional financing will allow the TA subproject to cover 1 to 2 additional DMCs, or a total of 3 to 4 DMCs. This is consistent with the target indicated in the cluster TA design and monitoring framework; and therefore will not entail a change in scope.

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

### **66. TA-8189-REG: Implementation of Sustainable Transport in the Asia and Pacific Region - New Approaches to Implement Sustainable Low Carbon Transport in the Asia and Pacific Region (Subproject 5)**

<b>Type of Technical Assistance</b>	:	Capacity Development
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank

**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 1,900.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 3 October 2012  
**Date Approved** : 12 October 2012

The impact of this subproject is improved sustainable low carbon transport systems in DMCs. The key outcome of the project is the improved knowledge and capacity of relevant government agencies in the DMCs to develop and implement low carbon transport systems in urban transport, railways, inland waterways and freight and logistics, and to mobilize carbon finance for such projects. Subsectors to be covered include urban transport (including transportation demand management, public transport as well as nonmotorized transport), intercity railways, inland waterways and green freight and logistics. These collectively cover the core priority areas of ADB's Sustainable Transport Initiative Operational Plan. Geographically, the subproject will aim to cover every region of Asia and the Pacific, by working closely with operational departments to identify key countries and cities where firm opportunities for interventions are existent. The TA will help promote modes of transport which have low carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions and local emissions, by conceptualizing and developing opportunities for future investments and policy interventions. The growing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from transport in Asia as well as the local air pollution in Asian cities are serious development issues which can be tackled through the development of low carbon modes of transport which will shift people away from the polluting modes to cleaner forms of transport.

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

**67. TA-8191-REG: Enhancing Gender Equality Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries (Phase 2) (Subproject 3)**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 500.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 12 October 2012  
**Date Approved** : 15 October 2012

On 13 May 2010, ADB approved a Cluster TA on Enhancing Gender Equality Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries (Phase 2). Its impact is increased support to the commitment of South Asia DMCs to promote gender equality and women's empowerment. The outcome of the cluster TA is strengthened capacities of key government agencies to address gender concerns in the planning, development, and implementation of projects and programs to reduce gender disparities and increase gender equality results in South Asia Department (SARD) operations. The key outputs and specific targets for Subproject 3 include: (i) increased number of comprehensive gender strategies in country partnership strategies (CPS); (ii) improved quality of project-specific Gender Action Plans (GAPs) and design and monitoring frameworks (DMFs); (iii) improved GAP implementation to enhance gender equality results; (iv) gender-based research on emerging sectors relevant to SARD operations; and (v) case studies to document good practices in gender mainstreaming.

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

**68. TA-8266-REG: Country Diagnostic Studies in Selected Developing Member Countries (Subproject 1)**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Research and Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 1,450.0

**Business Opportunities Listing** : 21 January 2013  
**Date Approved** : 7 December 2012

On 16 November 2012, ADB approved the provision of a Cluster TA for the Country Diagnostic Studies in Selected Developing Member Countries. The impact of this Subproject will be the mainstreaming of diagnostic approaches in the development planning processes of DMCs. The outcome will be DMCs' medium-term development plans, poverty reduction strategies, and partnership strategies with development partners addressing critical constraints on inclusive economic growth. Subproject 1 will cover three DMCs – Sri Lanka, Tajikistan and Timor-Leste – and has two main components: (i) conducting country diagnostic studies and (ii) capacity building and dissemination. Key outputs will include: (i) three country diagnostic studies and their published study reports; (ii) three training workshops and three advanced training workshops in diagnostic approaches to development planning; and (iii) three to six consultation workshops and three dissemination events.

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

**69. TA-8311-REG: Enhancing Gender Equality Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries (Phase 2) (Subproject 4)**

**Type of Technical Assistance** : Capacity Development  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 1,350.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 19 December 2012  
**Date Approved** : 13 December 2012

On 13 May 2010, ADB approved a Cluster TA (C-TA) on Enhancing Gender Equality Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries (Phase 2). The impact of the C-TA is increased support to the commitment of South Asia DMCs to promote gender equality and women's empowerment. Its outcome is strengthened capacities of key government agencies to address gender concerns in the planning, development, and implementation of projects and programs to reduce gender disparities and increase gender equality results in SARD operations. Subproject 4 will sustain the gains of Subprojects 1 to 3, strengthen SARD's structure and resources, and contribute to enhancing long-term capacities of SARD sector/line agencies in delivering gender equality results. These will be achieved by expanding the scope of Outputs 2 to 5, namely: (i) improving the quality of project specific GAPs, (ii) improving GAP implementation to enhance gender equality results, (iii) conducting gender-based research on an emerging sector, and (iv) developing case studies on good practices in gender mainstreaming; as well as implementing the additional Output 6, namely (v) carrying out lateral learning activities.

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