

**QUARTERLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS  
(31 March 2007)**

**TA-6384-REG: Establishing Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Investment Funds (Regional)**

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 15 December 2006  
**Date Approved** : 15 January 2007

The impact of the TA is to increase the number of equity investments in clean energy and energy efficiency projects through the establishment of several renewable energy, energy efficiency and greenhouse gas mitigation investment funds. Thus the TA is in line with ADB's Energy Efficiency Initiative and its target of \$1 billion. The TA outcomes will be (i) development of a call for proposals in order to solicit investment fund proposals from qualified private equity fund managers; (ii) assistance in preparation of RRP requesting board approval to allocate \$100-150 million to invest in several selected RE and EE funds; and (iii) evaluation of proposed projects identified by Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Climate Change program for possible investment by the new funds.

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

**TA-6189-REG: Supporting Network of Research Institutes and Think Tanks in South Asia (Supplementary) (Regional)**

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 75.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 30 July 2004  
**Date Approved** : 31 January 2007

The objective of the RETA is to promote regional cooperation in South Asia by (i) strengthening the current initiatives and networks of research institutes and think tanks and enhancing the scope of analytical work undertaken, (ii) increasing interaction among regional experts, and (iii) widening the dissemination of research material that supports regional cooperation. The major change in project scope extends these efforts with a number of activities related to the fourteenth SAARC Summit. These activities include:

- (i) The development and dissemination of a study on **Assessing and Reformulating a SAARC 'Roadmap'**.
- (ii) The development and dissemination of a study on **Monitoring of SAARC Policies and Programs**.
- (iii) Support for a **Pre-Summit Conference on South Asian Regional Cooperation: moving from commitment to implementation**.

**Status of Consulting Services** : No consultants were engaged under the supplementary financing. Activities are being undertaken and coordinated by the implementing agency; the South Asian Centre of Policy Studies (SACEPS), with which ADB signed a Letter of Agreement. Status of Activities: the Pre-Summit Conference was held and mid-term report was submitted.

**TA-4651-BAN: Dhaka Water Supply (Supplementary) (Project Preparatory)**

**Executing Agency** : Dhaka Water and Sanitation Authority  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 19 July 2005  
**Date Approved** : 19 March 2007

The piloting efforts under the TA, so far have borne some visible results, against the huge capacity building needs in Dhaka (Manikdi with population of only 20,000 residents, whereas Dhaka's population is 14 million). This training program is essential to be continued at least until the end of 2007, so that remaining registered plumbers will be equipped with necessary skills and knowledge. In addition, if there is further funding, the consultant team can also train DWASA technical staff who are stationed in its headquarters. The additional fund will also cover 2-day refresher courses for 400 potential plumbers.

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

**TA-4795-VIE: Phu My Bridge Approach Roads (Supplementary) (Advisory)**

**Executing Agency** : Department of Transport and Public Works  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 145.0  
**Business Opportunities Listing** : 29 March 2006  
**Date Approved** : 16 March 2007

The resettlement related problems that have arisen and the city's approach to implementing them is causing, and will continue to cause significant problems for all projects within the city. To address this problem, the following tasks were discussed and agreed with a Vice Chairman of the People's Committee for Ho Chi Minh City (PC-HCMC) on the basis that the overall objective was the issuing of updated, or revised, resettlement decisions for HCMC:

- (i) Assistance to the PC-HCMC to update or replace, as necessary, decisions and circulars governing resettlement planning and implementation activities within HCMC to reflect current international and national practice;
- (ii) Assist the PC-HCMC in preparing manuals and other documentation to guide the implementation of the revised decisions and circulars; and
- (iii) Undertake training and other capacity building activities for both city and district level officials in the application of the revised decisions and circulars.

**Status of Consulting Services** : Consultants will be engaged through variation orders issued to existing contracts.