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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
(January—March 2013)

**QUARTERLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED (A) PROJECT PREPARATORY
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000; (B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000; AND (C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER
SUBPROJECTS (January—March 2013)¹**

LIST OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS				
Seq. No.	TA No.	TA Name	Amount (\$'000)	Date Approved
(A) PROJECT PREPARATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000				
1	8339-BAN	Third Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement (Sector)	1,450.000	15-Mar-13
2	8322-CAM	Mekong River Island Connectivity Output	400.000	4-Feb-13
3	8330-MYA	Greater Mekong Subregion East-West Economic Corridor Eindu to Kawkareik Road Improvement	1,500.000	21-Feb-13
4	8342-MYA	Power Transmission and Distribution Improvement	1,500.000	22-Mar-13
5	7883-NEP	Building Climate Resilience of Watersheds in Mountain Eco-Regions (Supplementary)	500.000	12-Mar-13
6	8337-PAK	Social Protection Development	650.000	11-Mar-13
7	8169-PHI	Angat Water Transmission Improvement (Supplementary)	140.000	26-Mar-13
8	8319-PHI	Support for National Community-Driven Development Program	225.000	17-Jan-13
9	8340-VIE	Integrated Rural Development Sector Project in the Central Provinces (Additional Financing)	200.000	5-Feb-13
(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000				
10	7723-BHU	Strengthening Audit Resource Management (Supplementary)	225.000	19-Mar-13
11	8333-KGZ	Support of a High Level Forum on Public-Private Partnerships in the Kyrgyz Republic	225.000	28-Feb-13
12	8106-PHI	Enhancing Social Protection through Community-Driven Development Approach (Supplementary)	225.000	17-Jan-13
13	8344-TAJ	Support Enabling Capacity Building for Public-Private Partnerships in Tajikistan	225.000	26-Mar-13
14	8100-TUV	Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (Supplementary)	76.416	12-Feb-13
15	8336-VAN	Expansion of Rural Financial Services	225.000	15-Feb-13
16	7629-VIE	Capacity Building for River Basin Water Resources Planning (Supplementary)	200.000	17-Jan-13
17	8321-REG	A Study of Bond Trading Costs Across Southeast Asia	75.000	22-Jan-13

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(C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER SUBPROJECTS				
18	8332-REG	Developing Impact Evaluation Methodologies, Approaches, and Capacities in Selected Developing Member Countries (Subproject 1)	1,500.000	25-Feb-13
19	8343-REG	Country Diagnostic Studies in Selected Developing Member Countries (Subproject 2)	1,550.000	26-Mar-13

(A) PROJECT PREPARATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TA-8339-BAN: Third Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement (Sector)

Executing Agency : Local Government Engineering Department
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,450.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 23 August 2012
Date Approved : 15 March 2013

Although the design and modality of the project is proven effective from the experience of earlier phases, a project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) is needed to make necessary adjustments for more efficient execution of the project and improvements to enhance effectiveness and impacts of the project. The PPTA will carry out due diligence on technical, economic, financial, governance, poverty and social, and safeguards for the ensuing loan. Capacity building of target *pourashavas* (municipalities) is an integral part of project preparation, without which the implementation of the project may face significant start-up days. The key outputs are an agreed project design and feasibility study for the ensuing project that satisfies the requirements of ADB and the government. Capacity building support will help target *pourashavas* meet the performance criteria in governance improvement.

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

TA-8322-CAM: Mekong River Island Connectivity Output

Executing Agency : Ministry of Rural Development
TA Amount (\$'000) : 400.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 7 March 2013
Date Approved : 4 February 2013

The proposed project aims to continue and expand the initiatives of Loan 2670 (Rural Roads Improvement Project) by rehabilitating about 1,000 km of rural roads in the 7 original project provinces and 2 additional provinces (Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Kampong Cham, Kampong Chhang, Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom, Pursat, Siem Reap, and Takeo). These activities were not originally planned during the design of the Provincial/Rural Road Improvement Project funded by Loan 2670 but the Ministry of Rural Development would like to rehabilitate roads and jetties within a Mekong River island cluster (part of mainland to Kampong Cham province) to improve climate resilience access and connectivity under Rural Roads Improvement Project II. This PPTA will prepare this project and the major activities will include initial project preparation, feasibility and project design. The feasibility study will cover engineering, economic, social and environmental aspects of the project. Engineering part will cover geological, topographical, hydrological surveys, preliminary pavement design, detailed cost estimates, and implementation plan. The social and environmental study will prepare reports on environmental assessment, poverty and social assessment, and resettlement framework; and for project design, preparation of drafts of the report and recommendation of the president, and the project administration manual.

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

TA-8330-MYA: Greater Mekong Subregion East-West Economic Corridor Eindu to Kawkaeik Road Improvement

Executing Agency : Ministry of Construction
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,500.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 13 February 2013

Date Approved : 21 February 2013

The PPTA will prepare a feasibility study for the Greater Mekong Subregion East-West Economic Corridor Eindu to Kawkaireik Road Improvement project which is included in the Interim Country Partnership Strategy Myanmar 2012-2014. The project aims to improve connectivity to and within Kayin State and improve regional connectivity between Myanmar and Thailand. Specific activities under the TA will include: (i) topographic surveys of the existing road, including bridges and waterways; (ii) engineering work in sufficient detail to define the quantities of principle work items, such as earthworks, pavement structure, surfacing, and drainage structures; (iii) cost estimates, based on appropriate unit rates for each type of work; (iv) an economic analysis, based on an assessment of vehicle-related and other benefits, and estimated costs; (v) safeguards assessments, covering land acquisition and involuntary resettlement, environmental impacts, and indigenous people's impacts; (vi) a due diligence assessment of the safeguards aspects of the section of the road construction between Kawkaireik and Myawaddy; (vii) an implementation study to provide options for procuring and managing the contracts required to implement the work; and (viii) preparation of sample procurement documentation for the works contracts.

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

TA-8342-MYA: Power Transmission and Distribution Improvement

Executing Agency : Ministry of Electric Power
TA Amount (\$'000) : 1,500.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 10 April 2013
Date Approved : 22 March 2013

The project will prepare a comprehensive investment plan for the improvement of the power transmission and distribution systems in Myanmar and prepare a feasibility study for rehabilitation and expansion of existing system. The PPTA would: (i) assess the power demand projections and suggest expansion plan with investment requirements; (ii) assess the losses of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board and Electricity Supply Enterprise and its loss reduction program, and identify measures for loss reduction; (iii) assess capacity and staff skills in the power sector, identify training needs, and prepare short and long term training plan; and (iv) identify an urgent rehabilitation and expansion of transmission and distribution projects. For the identified projects, the PPTA will undertake a feasibility study to: (i) propose the project scope; (ii) prepare detailed engineering design and bidding documents; (iii) undertake the procurement and implementation capacity assessment of executing agencies and implementing agencies; (iv) prepare cost estimates; (v) undertake economic and financial analyses; and (vi) complete social and environmental safeguards requirements.

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

TA-7883-NEP: Building Climate Resilience of Watersheds in Mountain Eco-Regions (Supplementary)

Executing Agency : Department of Soil Conservation and Watershed Management
TA Amount (\$'000) : 500.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 7 March 2013
Date Approved : 12 March 2013

On 10 October 2011, ADB approved a PPTA which is expected to produce appraisal documentation for the ensuing project. The project's expected impact will be improved climate

resilience in Nepal mountain communities, and the outcome will be enhanced water supply for domestic, livestock and irrigation uses. The original TA amount of \$900,000 was financed by the Strategic Climate Fund under the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience, and an additional \$500,000 has been approved on a grant basis by the Multi-Donor Trust Fund under the Water Financing Partnership Facility. Feasibility studies were prepared for three sample subprojects in the Dadeldhura, Doti and Bajura Districts, identified on the basis of a supply-led selection approach. During a detailed review of the approaches and methodologies, and after site verification of the subprojects, it was found that a demand-driven procedure would be more suitable for the selection of community level interventions. To test and further refine this approach with the appropriate procedures, it was decided to amend the existing PPTA to include a provision for the preparation of a first batch of subprojects in two sub-watersheds in the Dadeldhura and Doti Districts. The increase in TA amount will allow the completion of the first batch of subproject preparation reports.

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

TA-8337-PAK: Social Protection Development

Executing Agency : Benazir Income Support Program
TA Amount (\$'000) : 650.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 13 March 2013
Date Approved : 11 March 2013

The PPTA is required to assist in the design of the Social Protection Development Project. This TA will be used to prepare the necessary assessments to assist with due diligence tasks, and to develop detailed project activities. In addition, in view of emerging fiscal pressures in Pakistan, there might be a need for ADB to step up its assistance to the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) and in that way, ring-fence – to the extent possible – the benefits to the extreme poor from eventual macroeconomic disruptions. The five main outputs of the TA will be: (i) survey report of BISP's operations; (ii) project design to roll out the registration for the cash transfer program to remaining eligible beneficiaries; (iii) project design(s) to introduce and roll out: (a) vocational training; (b) health insurance; and/or (c) co-responsibility cash transfer (CCT) for health program providing access to immunization and micronutrients for children and pregnant women; (iv) project design for interventions to improve BISP administration; and (v) preparation for a possible programmatic engagement.

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

TA-8169-PHI: Angat Water Transmission Improvement (Supplementary)

Executing Agency : Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System
TA Amount (\$'000) : 140.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 19 July 2012
Date Approved : 26 March 2013

The original terms of reference for this PPTA required the study and assessment of the existing aqueduct system from Bigte basin to La Mesa dam in Metro Manila, to prepare preliminary design and bid documents for rehabilitation of one of the six parallel aqueducts. It was assumed that the new, sixth aqueduct, completed in 2012, provides sufficient redundancy in the system to allow decommissioning and rehabilitation of one of the other five older aqueducts. The consultant's hydraulic investigation of the complete transmission system showed, however, that there is no flexibility in the system to allow closing of an aqueduct for rehabilitation, without reducing the supply capacity to about 50% of the required capacity. As a result, it was concluded and agreed that the priority project to ensure a secure and sufficient supply of water

to Metro Manila is to construct a new tunnel, upstream of the aqueducts, which will both increase capacity and allow future rehabilitation of the downstream aqueducts and the other tunnels. The incorporation of this tunnel scheme into the PPTA increases the time and inputs required. The main need is to bring tunnel engineering into the consultant team. Other outputs of the PPTA remain similar to the original scope.

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

TA-8319-PHI: Support for National Community-Driven Development Program

Executing Agency : Department of Social Welfare and Development
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 28 January 2013
Date Approved : 17 January 2013

The Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Social Welfare and Development, has requested a small-scale project preparatory technical assistance (S-PPTA) to strengthen the ongoing due diligence and project documentation for supporting the National Community-Driven Development Program (NCDDP). The NCDDP is the Government's flagship program to improve access to basic services, reduce poverty, achieve inclusive growth, and improve human development outcomes in 900 municipalities covering about five million households in the country. The outputs of the S-PPTA will be: (i) overall NCDDP design reviewed and components for ADB support confirmed; (ii) analysis of the management capacity of the executing agency completed; (iii) social and safeguards assessments and frameworks prepared; and (iv) project document for supporting the NCDDP completed.

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

TA-8340-VIE: Integrated Rural Development Sector Project in the Central Provinces (Additional Financing)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
TA Amount (\$'000) : 200.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 18 April 2013
Date Approved : 5 February 2013

Loan 2357(SF) for the Integrated Rural Development Sector Project in the Central Provinces was approved by ADB on 15 October 2007. After some initial start-up delays, implementation progress for the project has been fully satisfactory. At the request of the Government, the potential for additional financing was investigated during the Mid-Term Review in 2011 and in more detail during two subsequent review missions in 2012. The S-PPTA is needed in order to ensure due diligence is undertaken for the additional financing, especially for safeguards and social development, and so that the additional project costs can be incorporated into the overall project financing plan. It is also proposed to fully review one of the subprojects based on the new policy so that a model is available for the remaining subprojects. Furthermore, since gender and other social issues are closely aligned with safeguard issues, a revised gender action plan will be prepared and undertaken for the sample subproject.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work is ongoing.

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

TA-7723-BHU: Strengthening Audit Resource Management (Supplementary)

Type of Technical Assistance	:	Capacity Development
Executing Agency	:	Royal Audit Authority
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	12 March 2013
Date Approved	:	19 March 2013

The above TA grant was approved by the Vice-President (Operations 1) on 28 December 2010. This TA will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Royal Audit Authority (RAA) by designing and installing a custom-built electronic audit resource management system (ARMS). The ARMS will automate most of the RAA's manual procedures in its current work flow, improve the management of its operations, and equip its auditors with more powerful tools. The software development is in its final phases. During project implementation, it turned out that hardware requirements had been under-estimated at the time of TA processing. It is proposed to procure the additional hardware requirements to ensure success of the project. The go-live of the system depends on the procurement of additional hardware requirements.

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

TA-8333-KGZ: Support of a High Level Forum on Public-Private Partnerships in the Kyrgyz Republic

Type of Technical Assistance	:	Capacity Development
Executing Agency	:	Ministry of Economy
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	5 March 2013
Date Approved	:	28 February 2013

The small-scale capacity development technical assistance (S-CDTA) will enable the Central and West Asia Department to support the government in organizing a high-level forum on public-private partnerships (PPP) in the Kyrgyz Republic. The Forum will leverage PPP advocacy and capacity development, reforms in the enabling environment for PPP, and PPP project development, which are three of four pillars of ADB's PPP Operational Framework. The impact of the TA will be increased engagement of the private sector in economic and social infrastructure. The outcome will be increased knowledge of the Kyrgyz Republic's enabling environment for PPP and investment opportunities among the private sector, government participants, and other attending stakeholders. Key activities that need to be undertaken under the TA to prepare the forum are: finalizing the list of invitees, developing an even promotion plan, contacting invitees, preparing and distributing promotion material, and preparing presentations by government officials.

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

TA-8106-PHI: Enhancing Social Protection through Community-Driven Development Approach (Supplementary)

Type of Technical Assistance	:	Policy and Advisory
Executing Agency	:	Department of Social Welfare and Development
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	28 May 2012
Date Approved	:	17 January 2013

ADB approved the above policy and advisory TA on 4 July 2012 in response to the request of the Department of Social Welfare and Development for support in the design and implementation of the proposed National Community-Driven Development Program (NCDDP). The outputs of the TA are: (i) identified options for improved policy and institutional framework for implementing NCDDP; (ii) identified options for strengthened resource allocation, funds flow, and accountability mechanisms; (iii) enhanced capacities of stakeholders in the provinces; and (iv) supported pilot-testing of NCDDP design elements in selected provincial local government units (PLGUs). The pilot-testing of the PLGU engagement in the NCDDP will cover a total of 68 municipalities in the three participating provinces, instead of a much smaller number of municipalities that was originally considered during TA processing. This will also entail a larger scale of capacity development activities. Furthermore, it will include setting up of a provincial inter-municipal forum in each of the three pilot provinces, which will be responsible for setting prioritization criteria and ranking subprojects identified by municipalities. The increase in TA amount will enhance effectiveness of the pilot-testing and, more broadly, improve the design and implementation of the NCDDP.

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

TA-8344-TAJ: Support Enabling Capacity Building for Public-Private Partnerships in Tajikistan

Type of Technical Assistance	:	Capacity Development
Executing Agency	:	State Committee on Investments and State Property Management
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	225.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	15 March 2013
Date Approved	:	26 March 2013

The small-scale capacity development technical assistance (S-CDTA) will enable Central and West Asia Department to support the government in undertaking capacity building for public-private partnerships (PPP), reforms in the enabling environment, and PPP project development, which are three of four pillars of ADB's PPP Operational Framework. The S-CDTA is a response to a government request made in October 2012 during consultations with the Vice-President (Operations 1). The S-CDTA is based on findings of a mission fielded from 2 to 6 February 2013 to investigate the status of PPP policy reforms in Tajikistan. The expected impact of the S-CDTA will be pilot PPP projects for the delivery of public infrastructure and social services. The expected outcome will be an improved enabling policy, legal, regulatory, and institutional environment for PPP.

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

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)	:	76.4
Business Opportunities Listing	:	14 February 2013
Date Approved	:	12 February 2013

The CDTA was approved on 29 June 2012, and its objective is improved public financial management and public enterprise performance, leading to demonstrated improvements in the

2014 country performance assessment ratings for macroeconomic management and fiscal policy. To date, the TA has assisted with: (i) drafting a procurement policy; (ii) merging of the Tuvalu Philatelic Bureau with Tuvalu Post and Tuvalu Travel to form Tuvalu Post and Travel Limited; and (iii) drafting the management contract and tender documents for the contracting out of the Vaiaku Lagi Hotel management. The successful and timely completion of these tasks helped the government to achieve the conditions necessary to trigger provision of general budget support under the Strengthened Public Financial Management Program. Drafting of the legislation, the public procurement regulations and model documents requires additional consulting services based on the revised terms of reference for the Procurement Specialist and reflected in the revised cost estimates and financing plan. The Government of Australia through the Australian Agency for International Development has pledged to provide a further \$76,416 to fund the additional consulting services which ADB will administer.

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

TA-8336-VAN: Expansion of Rural Financial Services

Type of Technical Assistance : Capacity Development
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance & Economic Management
TA Amount (\$'000) : 225.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 1 May 2013
Date Approved : 15 February 2013

This small-scale capacity development technical assistance (S-CDTA) is included in ADB's Vanuatu Country Operations Business Plan 2013-2015. It is consistent with ADB's Vanuatu Country Partnership Strategy 2010-2014 and ADB's Pacific Approach 2010-2014. The expected impact of this S-CDTA is a growth in financial inclusion in Vanuatu, particularly in rural areas. This will be measured by the increase in the number of people with accounts in Vanuatu. The expected outcome is the improved operational performance of the Vanuatu Women's Development Scheme (VANWODS). VANWODS is the primary non-bank financial institution providing savings and loan services outside the urban centres, albeit on a small scale. It is a non-profit microfinance institution with a mission consistent with ADB's financial inclusion objectives. The S-CDTA outcome will be measured by the decrease in the operating expense ratio of VANWODS.

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

TA-7629-VIE: Capacity Building for River Basin Water Resources Planning (Supplementary)

Type of Technical Assistance : Capacity Development
Executing Agency : Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
TA Amount (\$'000) : 200.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 6 October 2010
Date Approved : 17 January 2013

The TA outcome is improved capacity of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE) to support policy initiatives and implement investment projects for better management and development of water resources. The TA includes two components: (i) support for the amendment of the Law on Water Resources (LWR); and (ii) planning tasks for the development of water resources of the Red-Thai Binh river basin. The main outputs of these components will be the documents needed for LWR amendment, and the planning tasks for the development of water resources of the Red-Thai Binh river basin. The scope of the TA will be expanded to address the

urgent Government instruction for MoNRE to prepare regulations on the establishment of minimum flows in rivers. This is in response to the growing conflicts over access to scarce water resources, particularly in relation to the operation of major hydropower reservoirs. Additional funding of \$200,000 from the Netherlands Trust Fund under the Water Financing Partnership Facility (WFPF) was approved by the WFPF Steering Committee on 29 October 2012.

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

TA-8321-REG: A Study of Bond Trading Costs Across Southeast Asia

Type of Technical Assistance : Policy and Advisory
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 75.0
Business Opportunities Listing : 26 April 2013
Date Approved : 22 January 2013

To further support the Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division's efforts to encourage capital market development in Southeast Asia, a study was begun to compare bond trading costs across five countries. A specific objective of the study is to identify any factors that may be inhibiting ongoing development of the market in one country versus its regional peers. In particular, the study seeks to identify the underlying cause of why bond bid/ask spreads and trading costs appear to be noticeably higher in the Philippines and Indonesia. The impact of the TA will be increased awareness of impediments to bond market development. The outcome will be actionable recommendations to reduce bond trading costs within Southeast Asia. The output is a diagnostic of bond trading costs to be completed. This diagnostics will provide actionable findings to be used by stakeholders to evaluate and adjust the quality of their bond trading infrastructure, and the associated costs of trading, relative to regional peers.

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

(C) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER SUBPROJECTS

TA-8332-REG: Developing Impact Evaluation Methodologies, Approaches, and Capacities in Selected Developing Member Countries (Subproject 1)

Type of Technical Assistance	:	Research and Development
Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	1,500.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	19 March 2013
Date Approved	:	25 February 2013

On 14 January 2013, ADB approved the provision of a Technical Assistance Cluster for Developing Impact Evaluation Methodologies, Approaches, and Capacities in Selected Developing Member Countries (DMCs) in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$4.5 million equivalent. The impact of the TA will be improved development effectiveness of ADB-designed projects responsive to the development needs of the DMCs. The outcome will be that impact evaluation is mainstreamed in ADB operations through each subproject resulting in well-designed and monitored ADB projects in DMCs. Key outputs of Subproject 1 will include: (i) five impact evaluation studies and their published study reports; (ii) a capacity building workshop and/or regional conference on impact evaluation; (iii) a pilot test of sector- or theme-specific impact evaluation study; and (iv) dissemination events.

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

TA-8343-REG: Country Diagnostic Studies in Selected Developing Member Countries (Subproject 2)

Type of Technical Assistance	:	Research and Development
Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	1,550.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	1 April 2013
Date Approved	:	26 March 2013

On 16 November 2012, ADB approved the provision of a Technical Assistance Cluster (C-TA) for Country Diagnostic Studies in Selected Developing Member Countries (DMCs) in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$6.0 million equivalent. On 7 December 2012, the Chief Economist approved the first subproject under the C-TA. Subproject 1 has been initiated and will undertake three country diagnostic studies. The impact of each of the 4 subprojects 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 2 will cover three DMCs – Bangladesh, Myanmar and Viet Nam – and has two main components: (i) conduct of country diagnostic studies; and (ii) capacity building and dissemination. Key outputs of subproject 2 will include: (i) country diagnostic studies and their published study reports; (ii) training workshops in diagnostic approaches to development planning; and (iii) consultation workshops and dissemination events.

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