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**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000 PER PROJECT
DECEMBER 1997**

1. Assistance to the Development Bank of the Philippines, Philippines 2935

Executing Agency : Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : August 1997
Date Approved : 12 December 1997

Project Description :

In preparation for the Local Government Unit Infrastructure Development Facility (LGUIF), the TA will: (i) provide initial training in limited recourse finance concepts to DBP staff; (ii) assist DBP in identifying suitable pipeline projects for financing under the LGUIF; and (iii) advise DBP on the financing of at least three pipeline projects.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

2. In-service Teacher Training Strategy and Development Study, Indonesia 2941

Executing Agency : Directorate General of Primary and Secondary Education
TA Type : Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : November 1997
Date Approved : 12 December 1997

Project Description :

The objectives of the TA are to: (i) identify and elaborate effective implementation mechanisms for delivering integrated inservice teacher training in two provinces, and explore how these activities could be integrated into the national inservice teacher training project; and (ii) provide resources for piloting these mechanisms by preparing detailed project cost tables, project implementation arrangements, implementation schedules, and project monitoring and evaluation indicators and methods for these activities.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

3. Improving Provincial Agricultural Support Services, Papua New Guinea 2947

Executing Agency : Department of Agriculture and Livestock
TA Type : Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : December 1997^a
Date Approved : 22 December 1997

Project Description :

The objective of the TA is to prepare a project proposal which identifies options for improving agricultural support services at the smallholder level, including research and extension

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services (with their related linkages) as well as other inputs necessary to increase sustainable production and income of smallholders. These services to smallholders are provided from district, provincial, and national level agencies. The TA will focus initially at least on two provinces which may serve as pilot studies for deriving lessons for the rest of the country. The provinces tentatively identified are Central Province (representative for dry lowland conditions) and Eastern Highlands Province (representative for highlands conditions). Both provinces have National Agriculture Research Institute research stations with a mandate to address issues faced by producers in the respective agro-ecological zone.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

4. Strategic Plan for the National Bank of Vanuatu, Vanuatu

Executing Agency : Ministry of the Prime Minister
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed^a
Date Approved : 12 December 1997

Project Description :

The objectives of the TA are: (i) to assist the Government develop a restructuring and business development plan (the plan) for the National Bank of Vanuatu (NBV), taking into account its mandate to service the banking needs of the ni-Vanuatu, especially in the rural and remote areas, and the need to be commercially viable on a sustained basis; and (ii) to initiate the implementation of the plan through revised policies, restructured systems and processes, and a human resource development program to address the critical shortage of technical skills particularly in credit appraisal, credit supervision and debt recovery.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

5. Financial Management, Papua New Guinea

Executing Agencies : Department of Finance
TA Type : Project Preparatory
Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : April 1997
Date Approved : 22 December 1997

Project Description :

The objective of the TA is to prepare a detailed proposal for a project to be financed by the Bank within the Financial Management Improvement Program (FMIP). The Project will focus on establishing the central financial management systems, the corresponding information systems and the related staff development requirements. It is envisaged other interested financiers would support the provincial- and district-level systems and linkages, as well as the necessary human resources development. The TA will specify the explicit linkages between the overall financial management reforms and the specific systems to be introduced; refine the overall financial management reform framework; and prepare alternative implementation plans for the overall FMIP. It will also establish performance indicators as a basis for monitoring the success of the overall reform process.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

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6. Support for Labor Force Skills Development Planning in Repelita VII, Indonesia

Executing Agency : National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : November 1997
Date Approved : 23 December 1997

Project Description :

The general aim of the TA is to support the Repelita VII planning process in the area of labor force skills development defined here as any activity designed to improve worker skills and productivity, including both on-the-job training for current workers and pre-employment training for future workers. The specific objectives are to (i) review the current situation in labor force skills training; (ii) facilitate discussion and debate among the main providers of skills training; (iii) examine the roles and vision statements of the main Government providers; (iv) seek consensus on broad priorities and strategic options for labor force skills development during Repelita VII; and (v) prepare the first general outline of an investment program for skills development during Repelita VII.

Status of Consulting Services: No action has been taken to recruit consultants.

7. Capacity Assessment of Provincial Education Offices and Local Government Units, Philippines

Executing Agency : Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : December 1997^a
Date Approved : 31 December 1997

Project Description :

The objective of the TA is to assist the Government in further consolidating the secondary education decentralization framework and strategies, with a particular focus on assessment of the expected roles and capacity of local government units (LGUs) and DECS provincial offices.

Status of Consulting Services: Consultants have been engaged and are expected to be fielded by January 1998.

8. Capacity Building of the Ministry of Law and Justice, Nepal

Executing Agency : Ministry of Law and Justice (MLJ)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed^a
Date Approved : 31 December 1997

Project Description :

The TA would provide legal training and establish a computerized legal information system (LIS) within MLJ to improve its performance in negotiating and implementing international agreements, and thus facilitate timely execution of externally-financed projects and the country's

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development. The scope of the TA would include the following components: (a) measures to improve the capacity, primarily among staff of MLJ, to prepare, negotiate and implement international agreements such as Bank legal documents and private investment and financing agreements; and (b) measures to establish a LIS capacity within the Ministry, particularly in respect of issues related to international agreements such as Bank legal documents.

Status of Consulting Services: No action has been taken to recruit consultants.

9. Strengthening Government Legal Services and the Subordinate Judiciary, Pakistan

Executing Agency : Ministry of Law, Justice, Human Rights and Parliamentary Affairs (MOL)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : December 1997
Date Approved : 31 December 1997

Project Description :

The objectives of the TA will be to critically examine the delivery of legal services to the government and the working of the subordinate judiciary in Pakistan, and formulate, through a participatory process, recommendations for the strengthening of the same.

Status of Consulting Services: No action has been taken to recruit consultants.

10. Joint ADB/ESCAP/UNCTAD Workshop on the Implications of the New Trade Policy Initiatives and Their Impact on the DMCs, Regional

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Conference
TA Amount (\$'000) : 50.0
ADBBO Listing : February 1997
Date Approved : 31 December 1997

Project Description :

The TA is aimed at increasing the understanding of the DMC policymakers of the implications of the new trade policy initiatives and at enhancing their capacity to take appropriate policy responses. Specifically, the TA will assess the significance of the new trade policy agreements initiated at the World Trade Organization's (WTO) First Ministerial Meeting by commissioning analytical papers on the key trade-related policy issues confronting the DMCs. There is insufficient analytical work on the 'new' trade issues and DMC policymakers require support to strengthen their negotiating positions and to enable them to devise alternative policies and strategies. The proposed workshop under the TA is timely because the WTO's Second Ministerial Meeting is scheduled in mid-1998.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultant is required.