

**QUARTERLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE AND
SUPPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS NOT EXCEEDING \$225,000
(30 June 2008)**

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

Executing Agency	:	Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF)
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	71.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	Not listed
Date Approved	:	6 June 2008

The final additional budget of \$71,000, to be sourced from ADB's TASF resources, is required for additional consultants' work to (i) assist MEF in explaining and defending the draft subdecree (SD) at the Economic, Social, Culture Observation Unit, Council of Jurists and Council of Ministers meetings; (ii) revise the draft chapter of the Land Law textbook and develop a more detailed capacity building plan; and (iii) assist MEF, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Land Management Urban Planning and Construction on drafting the key ministerial regulation (Prakas) for implementing the SD.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work ongoing.

TA-7076-NEP: Transmission and Distribution Project (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency	:	Nepal Electricity Authority
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	150.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	7 April 2008
Date Approved	:	21 April 2008

The TA will conduct a technical assessment on additional proposed transmission and distribution subprojects, and carry out financial due diligence. Consultants will review the feasibility studies for (i) Far East, Trishuli 3A corridor, (ii) Arun Valley/Dud Koshi corridors, (iii) Kabeli-A-Damak transmission system, and (iv) second circuit conductor stringing on existing transmission line between Butwan and Ataria. Projects to be financed under the proposed loan will be prioritized based on the findings of these reviews.

Status of Consulting Services : Recruitment of the consultants is underway.

TA-7097-PHI: Pasuquin East Wind Farm Development (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency	:	Energy Logics Philippines, Inc. (ELPI)
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	200.0
Business Opportunities Listing	:	18 April 2008
Date Approved	:	11 June 2008

ELPI is a Philippine-registered corporation which is developing renewable energy projects in the country. ELPI's most advance project is a 120 MW (60 X 2 MW) phased wind power project in Ilocos Norte at the northern tip of Luzon Island at a site named Pasuquin East. The TA project will be provided to ELPI to complete the technical and design phase of the feasibility study to determine the viability of commercial operations of wind energy, which may include the generation of carbon credits. The period of study will be at least 12 months where the detailed

technical data, design, and analysis will provide for a project structure that can be agreed between ELPI, ADB, and other investors.

Status of Consulting Services : No consulting services are required.

TA-7070-THA: Greater Mekong Subregion Highway Expansion (Supplementary) (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency : Department of Highways
TA Amount (\$'000) : 120.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not listed
Date Approved : 12 May 2008

The increase in TA funding is required to finance work of a single, additional, individual consultant with expertise in resettlement planning to prepare a detailed resettlement plan for the proposed expansion of the Phnom Sarakham-Sa Kae section (Section 6) on the Greater Mekong Subregion Southern Economic Corridor. An initial plan is being prepared for Section 6 but this will have to be updated to take account of detailed engineering designs. The full plan is required to allow awarding of construction contracts for immediate implementation of expansion activities on Section 6.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultant's work ongoing.

TA-4862-VIE: Ho Chi Minh City Metro Rail System (Supplementary) (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency : Urban Metro Preparation Unit
TA Amount (\$'000) : 200.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not listed
Date Approved : 5 June 2008

The Executing Agency requested for the extension of the TA Consultant's engagement to assist with the preparation of the Vietnamese project investment report that will be used by the Government to appraise the proposed project. The report needs to match the TA feasibility study in terms of technical, institutional, and financial aspects. The TA Consultant will provide the necessary continuity without discrepancies. The supplementary funding will cover the cost of the additional scope of the TA Consultant's work.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work ongoing.

TA-6352-REG: Enhancement of Subregional Cooperation in BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT (Supplementary) (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 121.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not listed
Date Approved : 28 April 2008

In response to requests by the BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT governments, ADB has committed to supporting subregional development activities that form part of the subregions' respective roadmaps in April and May 2008. On February 2008, Director, SEOC approved extension of physical completion and account closing date of the RETA from 30 April to 30 December 2008.

Sector experts and consultant services are important for continued delivery on the coordinating, facilitating and advisory role of ADB to the sector working groups and clusters, as well as the subregional secretariats of BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT. Hence, additional funds are required to meet ADB's commitment to provide technical knowledge and intellectual inputs to the various development programs of these subregions.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work ongoing.

TA-6416-REG: A Development Framework for Sustainable Urban Transport (Supplementary) (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 120.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not Listed
Date Approved : 11 June 2008

Additional cofinancing from the global Transport Knowledge Partnership (gTKP), a program supported by the Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom, will be spent to support the workshop component and expand theme coverage of the TA to include rural transport and crosscutting themes such as governance, climate change, and social development. The TA findings will be presented at a regional workshop in Manila to be held back-to-back with a proposed ADB Transport Forum during the second week of September 2008. The incremental funds will allow more participation from a larger range of countries and strengthen collaboration link with gTKP and DFID in areas of reciprocal interest.

Status of Consulting Services : Consultants' work ongoing.

TA-6457-REG: Improving the Implementation of Environmental Safeguards for ADB Projects in Central and West Asia (Regional)

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
Business Opportunities Listing : Not listed
Date Approved : 24 April 2008

Through the TA, the Safeguards Unit of the Central and West Asia Department will review the implementation of ADB's environmental safeguard requirements for projects in Central and West Asia. Some projects have been successful in implementing environmental safeguard requirements but others have fallen short of the expected outcomes. The review will examine successful projects and determine their reasons for success, and also less than successful projects to determine the cause and issues leading to the underperformance. The outcomes will be a set of knowledge products that assist environmental practitioners in Central and West Asia to successfully develop and implement the environmental safeguard requirements for ADB supported projects.

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