

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 PER PROJECT
NOVEMBER 1995**

1. Institutional Strengthening of Women's Affairs Division (HAWA), Malaysia

Executing Agency : Women's Affairs Division (HAWA)
Ministry of Unity and Social Development
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : July 1995
Date Approved : 09 November 1995

Project Description :

The objectives of the technical assistance are to review HAWA's mandate, functions and roles in mainstreaming women's concerns into national development within the context of recent socio-economic trends of Malaysia and their impacts on women's lives; to propose a modified mandate and redefined roles and functions of HAWA; to assess HAWA's institutional capacity to perform its modified mandate; and to recommend an action plan for HAWA to fulfill the redefined functions.

Status of Consulting Services: Long list of consultants under preparation.

2. Strengthening the Regulatory Framework for the Trust and Investment Industry, People's Republic of China

Executing Agency : Office of the Financial and Economic Committee (OFEC)
National People's Congress
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 90.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed
Date Approved : 16 November 1995

Project Description

The objectives of the TA are to organize a workshop and to assist in preparing draft regulations and legislation for the trust and investment industry in PRC. The drafts are to be submitted to the Government for its consideration and eventual approval. The drafting of these regulations is an important component of the ongoing financial sector reforms initiated in 1978. The TA's objective is to support and strengthen, among others, the regulatory and legal institutional framework, facilitating the development of market-based mechanisms and financial instruments.

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

3. Microcredit for Women's Enterprises, Western Samoa

Executing Agency : Ministry of Women's Affairs (MWA)
TA Type : Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000) : 100.0
ADBBO Listing : Not listed
Date Approved : 28 November 1995

Project Description :

The objective of the technical assistance is to assist the Ministry of Women's Affairs in preparing a microcredit project containing a range of small and microenterprises feasibility studies for meeting the credit needs of women entrepreneurs. The findings of the feasibility study are expected to be incorporated in the proposed Development Finance Project which has been included in the Bank's pipeline of loan projects for 1997.

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