

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 PER PROJECT
AUGUST 1996**

1. Rural Enterprise Development, Uzbekistan

Executing Agency	National Bank for Foreign Economic Activities of the Republic of Uzbekistan (NBU)
TA Type	Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	August 1996
Date Approved	2 August 1996

Project Description

The TA will assist in (i) identifying demand for loans to small and medium non-state and financially viable agro-processing enterprises (and related activities) principally in rural areas in support of the Bank's proposed line of credit to NBU; (ii) assessing the institutional capacity of NBU to appraise, process and monitor project loans with the development of the necessary internal controls; and (iii) assessing lending policies and management practices of NBU and identifying a development strategy for NBU to respond to expected market challenges resulting from financial sector reform.

Status of Consulting Services: Consultants have been recruited.

2. Strengthening of Evaluation and Monitoring Capacity in Postgraduate Education and Research, Thailand

Executing Agency	Ministry of University Affairs (MUA)
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	May 1996
Date Approved	12 August 1996

Project Description

The objective of the TA is to support the Government's efforts to strengthen evaluation and monitoring capacity in postgraduate education and research. The proposed assistance would constitute an integral part of the Government's new initiative to establish a mechanism to promote and manage the development of postgraduate education and research in collaboration with the private sector as the prerequisite for the country to enhance its capacity in research and development.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

3. 1996 ADB/APO Joint Program, Regional

Executing Agency	Asian Productivity Organization (APO)
TA Type	Regional
TA Amount (\$'000)	27.10
ADBBO Listing	February 1996
Date Approved	26 August 1996

Project Description

The objective of the TA is to support the Symposium on the Role of Women in the Informal Sector to be conducted by APO in late 1996 in India. The Symposium will discuss government policies, financial support, technological upgrading, artisan training, market development and other factors which affect the productivity of working women. The Symposium will provide an opportunity for participants from various DMCs to exchange views and experiences on the economic and productivity performance of women in the informal sector.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants required.