

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

**1. Jamuna Rail Link, Bangladesh**

**Executing Agency** : Bangladesh Railway  
**TA Type** : Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : Not listed  
**Date Approved** : 19 December 1996

**Project Description** :

The objective of the TA is to assist the Government in determining the train configurations that can be operated on the Jamuna Bridge. To maximize the utilization of the Bridge, the study will determine the level to which the axle loading can be increased without violating the Bridge design specification under the current rating standard and determine the rating to other standards (specifically American Road Engineering Association and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) for meter gauge and broad gauge train configurations.

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

**2. Study on PRC Legal Information System, People's Republic of China**

**Executing Agency** : Bureau of Legislative Affairs (BLA)  
State Council of the Government  
**TA Type** : Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : March 1996  
**Date Approved** : 12 December 1996

**Project Description** :

The objective of the TA is to carry out a study on the PRC legal information system including the major non-government sponsored publications, non-government publishers and other legal information suppliers (the Study) and, based on the Study, to assist the BLA in preparing a project proposal to translate relevant laws and regulations into English and disseminate on a timely and sustainable basis such legal information through hard copy publications and an electronic information system, which could be supported or financed through cooperation between BLA and non-government publishers and legal information suppliers and/or by other sources.

**Status of Consulting Services:** A short list of consultants is under preparation.

**3. Housing Finance Facility, India**

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Finance  
**TA Type** : Project Preparatory  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : April 1996  
**Date Approved** : 5 December 1996

### **Project Description :**

The objective of the TA is to prepare a proposal for a housing finance facility project which is suitable for Bank financing. Housing finance subsector issues (macroeconomic context, legislation, regulations, savings, institutions, securitization) and other housing sector issues (land legislation and regulations, transactions and markets, layout standards and procedures, building codes and materials production, contractors and labor) and related policies will be evaluated in order that the proposed project will adequately address necessary improvements. The study will also identify how the Bank's role in housing finance could help to leverage savings and additional finance from local sources, obtain improved policy and regulatory frameworks (finance, land, buildings) and encourage lending practices and financial products that reach the low income groups.

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

#### **4. Seminars on Bank Operational Policies and Procedures in 1997 and 1998, Kazakhstan**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Type</b>	:	Advisory and Operational
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	85.0
<b>ADBBO Listing</b>	:	Not listed
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	24 December 1996

### **Project Description :**

The main objectives of the seminars are: (i) to enable senior Government officials from various agencies to gain an understanding of the Bank's strategic objectives, operational directions, policies, modalities, and procedures; and (ii) to provide a forum for the Government officials and Bank staff to exchange views and experiences on applications of Bank policies and procedures to better meet the needs of Kazakhstan. As a result of the seminars, the participants are expected to gain a better understanding of the major operational policies of the Bank which would enable them to make appropriate use of the Bank's lending instruments. Individual consultants, preferably with fluency in Russian, will be engaged to assist in preparation of materials and in the conduct of the seminars.

**Status of Consulting Services:** A short list of consultants is under preparation.

#### **5. Preparation and Implementation of Guidelines on Best Practice in Corporate Governance, Kyrgyz Republic**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Department of Economics, Market Relations, and Investments Prime Minister's Office
<b>TA Type</b>	:	Advisory and Operational
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	100.0
<b>ADBBO Listing</b>	:	Not listed
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	13 December 1996

**Project Description :**

The objective of the TA is to prepare Guidelines on Best Practice in Corporate Governance and develop mechanisms for effective implementation of corporate governance in public sector and private enterprises. The scope will include a review of international best practice in corporate governance, a diagnostic study of current corporate governance structures in Kyrgyz Republic, and the development of specific model corporate governance structures and best practices directly applicable to the needs and conditions of the Kyrgyz Republic.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Individual consultants have been recruited.

**6. Implementation of Bank Restructuring Strategies, Mongolia**

**Executing Agency :** Bank of Mongolia (BOM)  
**TA Type :** Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000) :** 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing :** Not listed  
**Date Approved :** 3 December 1996

**Project Description :**

In support of the Government's financial sector reform program, the objective of the TA is to assist BOM in implementing restructuring strategies for Ardyn Bank and Insurance Bank. In particular, assistance will be provided to facilitate the orderly closure of these two banks, the transfer of their assets and liabilities to successor institutions, and the establishment of the successor banks.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Individual consultants have been recruited.

**7. Restructuring and Capacity Building in the Ministry of Justice, Mongolia**

**Executing Agency :** Ministry of Justice (MOJ)  
**TA Type :** Advisory and Operational  
**TA Amount (\$'000) :** 56.0  
**ADBBO Listing :** Not listed  
**Date Approved :** 23 December 1996

**Project Description :**

The objective of the TA is to assist MOJ in preparing its Business Strategy under the Government Reform Policy and strengthening MOJ's capacity to fulfill its roles and responsibilities under the Business Strategy. The scope of the TA will include: (i) assessing MOJ's current organization, work performed, staffing and capability to perform its roles and responsibilities; (ii) formulating proposals for issues to be covered in the Business Strategy, including MOJ's roles and responsibilities, restructuring and streamlining, if necessary, coordination between MOJ and its regulatory and implementing agencies, introduction of performance indicators for MOJ staff and MOJ's ability to fulfill its role within the Government and institutional strengthening through training and skills development; (iii) preparing short, medium and long-term action plans with identifiable and monitorable time-bound steps for implementation of the Business Strategy; and (iv) conducting MOJ workshops to discuss the Business Strategy proposals and final Business Strategy with MOJ staff, including representatives from the agencies under MOJ and from the local aimag offices.

**Status of Consulting Services:** Individual consultant has been engaged.

## 8. Health Sector Resources Development, Mongolia

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Health and Social Welfare  
**TA Type** : Project Preparatory  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : December 1996  
**Date Approved** : 23 December 1996

### Project Description :

The TA will assist the Government in finalizing proposals for reforms and rationalization in the health sector. The TA has two specific objectives: (i) to finalize the rationalization plan for health infrastructure (health facilities and referral system); and (ii) to finalize the rationalization plan for health personnel.

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

## 9. Assistance to the Housing Sector, Western Samoa

**Executing Agency** : Western Samoa Housing Corporation  
**TA Type** : Project Preparatory  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : May 1996  
**Date Approved** : 12 December 1996

### Project Description :

The objectives of the TA are to (i) reassess housing demand and supply, in both urban and rural areas; (ii) reassess the financial, social, and physical conditions which affect access to housing; (iii) identify and recommend any policy, legislative, and institutional improvements necessary to ensure that the Government's policies effectively target access to housing for low income families; and (iv) prepare a feasibility study for Bank assistance for housing for low income families.

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

## 10. Regional Forum on Privatization in Asia, Regional

**Executing Agency** : Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA)  
**TA Type** : Conference  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 100.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : Not listed  
**Date Approved** : 24 December 1996

**Project Description :**

The objective of the forum is to sensitize members of legislative bodies both from developing and developed countries on benefits, risks, best practices and other issues related to privatization through a joint workshop with representatives of international financial institutions. The objective of the TA is to assist PGA to undertake the forum through financial support and staff participation. The three-day forum will emphasize regionally-focused discussions on practical policy prescriptions. Through this process, the TA is aimed at assisting parliamentarians to deepen their understanding of the issues of privatization and enabling them to more actively support reform programs for privatization and promotion of private sector involvement in the development process. PGA expects that at the end of the forum, an action plan will be adopted by participants, with an individual focal point designated in the Finance Committee of each participating country.

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

**11. Global Summit on Women: Women's Economic Power, Regional**

<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	Asian Development Bank
<b>TA Type</b>	:	Conference
<b>TA Amount (\$'000)</b>	:	90. 0
<b>ADBBO Listing</b>	:	Not listed
<b>Date Approved</b>	:	24 December 1996

**Project Description :**

The overall objective of the TA is to support the goals of the Global Summit on Women while the specific objective is to enable the participation of women NGO leaders and microentrepreneurs from the Asian and Pacific Region to the Summit to be held in Miami, Florida. The scope of the TA includes funding the transportation and accommodation costs of approximately 25 Asian and Pacific women delegates. The Program for the Summit is divided into four major areas of women's economic participation: workers, entrepreneurs, consumers, and business leaders. Attempts will be made to have representatives of each sector on every panel to encourage the widest possible participation of accomplished women from around the world.

**Status of Consulting Services:** No consultant required.