

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS  
NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000 PER PROJECT  
March 2003**

**1. Second Textbook Development, Uzbekistan**

**Executing Agency :** Ministry of Public Education  
Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education  
**TA Type :** Project Preparatory  
**TA Amount (\$'000) :** 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing :** 12 February 2003  
**Date Approved :** 18 March 2003

**Project Description :**

The purpose of the TA is to assist the Government of Uzbekistan in preparing a Second Textbook Development Project (STDP) to support key policy reforms and fund priority investments in the curriculum and textbook development chain. The envisaged STDP aims at improving learning achievements of pupils enrolled in compulsory education (grades 1-12) and increasing access of the poor to quality education. It will be classified as a poverty intervention (possibly a core poverty intervention) and will support private sector development. Priority components of the envisaged STDP include (i) support to the nationwide extension of the textbook rental scheme, (ii) school library development, (iii) curriculum and textbook sector capacity development, (iv) changes in policy and business practices aimed at accelerating competition and privatization in the textbook industry.

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

**2. Feasibility Study of Aktau-Atyrau Road Improvement, Kazakhstan**

**Executing Agency :** Committee of Roads, Ministry of Transport and Communications  
**TA Type :** Project Preparatory  
**TA Amount (\$'000) :** 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing :** 2 January 2003  
**Date Approved :** 21 March 2003

**Project Description :**

The purpose of the TA is to enable a review, and revisions where necessary, of the Government's proposal for improving the road from Atyrau to Aktau with external financing. The two specific outputs expected from the TA are: (i) review of economic and distributional impacts of the Project with particular reference to the relevant ADB guidelines; and (ii) review of overall feasibility and engineering design of the Project, and recommendation of revisions to the Project design, as necessary, to meet ADB criteria.

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

### 3. Health Care for the Poor in the Central Highlands, Viet Nam

**Executing Agency** : Ministry of Health (MOH)  
**TA Type** : Project Preparatory  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : 7 March 2003  
**Date Approved** : 25 March 2003

#### **Project Description :**

The TA will assist MOH in undertaking the requisite background analysis and preparing documentation necessary for the Government and ADB to appraise and approve the proposed Health Care for the Poor in the Central Highlands Project. The Project will support the health system, and improve the health status of people?especially the poor and disadvantaged?in the four provinces of Dac Lac, Kon Tum, Gia Lai, and Lam Dong. The main outputs of TA will include the Project Feasibility Report, and Project Implementation Plan. In addition, the consultants will help MOH in preparing pre-feasibility and feasibility studies to enable the Government undertake their project appraisal.

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

### 4. ADB Participation in Boao Forum for Asia 2003, Regional

**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**TA Type** : Conference  
**TA Amount (\$'000)** : 120.0  
**ADBBO Listing** : 24 February 2003  
**Date Approved** : 6 March 2003

#### **Project Description :**

The objective of ADB involvement in the Boao Forum is to provide participants, particularly private sector representatives, with an understanding of the scope and importance of Human Resource Development (HRD) and the potential for improving HRD practices through regional cooperation and public-private partnerships.

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