

**MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS  
(as of 31 July 2005)**

**1. PAK-4610: Operational Support to the Office of the Energy Advisor (OEA), (Advisory)**

**Implementing Agency :** OEA  
**TA Amount (\$'000) :** 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing :** 22 June 2005  
**Date Approved :** 14 July 2005

The purpose of the TA is to strengthen the institutional capacity and technical capability of the OEA to enable it to perform its functions effectively. The TA will result in: (i) expedited restructuring of the energy sector with an appropriate division of responsibilities between the ministries, regulators, and public and private sector entities; (ii) strengthened legal and regulatory framework for the effective monitoring and regulation of the energy industry; (iii) finalization of the natural gas import strategy; and (iv) revitalized upstream oil and gas subsector, which would maximize indigenous production.

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

**2. LAO-4624: Capacity Development for Monitoring Development Results of the National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy (NGPES), (Advisory)**

**Executing Agency :** Committee for Planning and Investment, General Planning Department  
**TA Amount (\$'000) :** 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing :** 6 May 2005  
**Date Approved :** 26 July 2005

The purpose of the TA is to strengthen the Government's institutional capacity for monitoring the implementation of results-based NGPES and its development effectiveness. To this end, the TA assists central and local government authorities strengthen the capacity of the concerned government officials in applying the Managing for Development Results approach for monitoring the NGPES. While pursuing the results-orientation, specific attention will be paid to avoid imposing quantitative targets and constraints on business activities of the enterprise sector, in support of the Government's efforts to implement liberal economic reforms and the country's transition to a market economy. Under the framework of the Round Table Process for Government-donors consultations, UNDP is assessing the existing Government monitoring system and capacity. This assessment will be considered under the TA, which will then develop a simple and functional monitoring approach or system for results-based NGPES monitoring. The initiatives under the TA will complement the current statistical system of the National Statistical Centre (NSC) and the overall NGPES monitoring efforts under the Round Table Process. It is expected that NSC will be actively involved in the development of baseline information data for development results monitoring, identifying data gaps for the results-based indicators and in capacity building entailed in the TA. The TA will contribute to building statistical capacity for the country over the medium to long term.

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