

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

1. Civil Service Reform Implementation, Marshall Islands

Executing Agency	Government's Public Sector Rationalization Committee
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	Not listed
Date Approved	2 July 1996

Project Description

The objectives of the TA are: (i) to design an action plan to guide the implementation of public service reforms as part of the proposed Public Sector Reform Program; and (ii) to design a training and counseling program for retrenched civil servants. The TA will: (i) provide an analysis of the current civil service organization, with a view to defining the starting point for reform implementation; (ii) provide a detailed action plan which shows different actions required, persons or offices responsible together with an indicative time path; and (iii) provide a training and counseling program for retrenched civil servants.

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

2. Training Seminar in Bank Policies and Procedures, Cambodia

Executing Agency	Asian Development Bank
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	96.0
ADBBO Listing	June 1996 (Internet edition)
Date Approved	3 July 1996

Project Description

The primary objective of the TA is to familiarize key Cambodian officials in central ministries/agencies, as well as in line ministries, concerned with Bank operations or implementing Bank-financed projects, with the macroeconomic and sectoral frameworks that guide Bank operations, together with the policy and procedural instruments used to these ends. While the macro focus of Bank operations will remain prominent, the principal focus will be on project preparation and implementation, these being the key areas for attention in Cambodia. The draft program will provide the basis for the training which will be provided by Bank staff. It includes lectures on cost/benefit analysis, build-own-operate (BOO) and build-operate-transfer (BOT), which were requested by the Cambodian authorities.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants required.

3. Rural Credit Review, Cambodia

Executing Agency	Ministry of Rural Development (MRD)
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	May 1996
Date Approved	4 July 1996

Project Description :

The objectives of the TA are to carry out a review of rural credit and savings operations; and to formulate a development strategy for rural financial development. The TA will cover the following major areas: (i) review of existing policies on, and structure and operations of, rural finance; (ii) identification of major characteristics of demand for rural savings and credit facilities through close consultation with rural people; (iii) identification of potential for, and constraints on, rural financial development and specific measures required to harness the potential and address constraints; (iv) formulation of a strategy for rural financial development; and (v) recommendations on the potential role of the Bank and other funding agencies in the implementation of the strategy.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

4. Strengthening Aid Coordination and Project Management, Viet Nam

Executing Agency	Asian Development Bank
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	July 1996 (Internet edition)
Date Approved	5 July 1996

Project Description

The objective of the technical assistance is to assist the Government in (i) improving the processing and management of Bank-funded projects through the conduct of a training seminar on Bank policies and procedures; and (ii) conducting follow-up activities to coordinate external assistance to the agricultural sector in Viet Nam.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

5. Development of Bank Restructuring Strategies, Mongolia

Executing Agency	Bank of Mongolia (BOM)
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	June 1996 (Internet edition)
Date Approved	9 July 1996

Project Description

In support of the Government's financial sector reform program, the TA will: (i) assist BOM in updating the Bank-financed May 1995 loan portfolio audit for Ardyn Bank; and (ii) prepare financial and operational restructuring strategies for Ardyn Bank and Agriculture Bank that will allow them to achieve adequate capitalization and meet prudential requirements by December 1999.

Status of Consulting Services: Consultants have been recruited.

6. Seminars on Bank Operational Policies and Procedures, Uzbekistan

Executing Agency	Asian Development Bank
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	July 1996 (Internet edition)
Date Approved	9 July 1996

Project Description

The main objectives of the technical assistance are to (i) enable senior government officials from various agencies to gain a better understanding of the Bank's strategic objectives, operational directions, policies, modalities, and procedures; and (ii) provide a forum for government officials and Bank staff to exchange views and experiences on application of Bank policies and procedures to better meet the needs of the country.

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

7. Resource Rationalization Action Plan Under the Department of Technical Education and Training, Sri Lanka

Executing Agency	Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET) Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MOLVT)
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	Not listed
Date Approved	22 July 1996

Project Description

The TA will assist in implementing a rationalization of the allocation of facilities, equipment and staff, and providing basic staff training for technical education institutions supported under the Bank's two loans: (i) Technical Education Project, and (ii) Second Technical Education Project. For this purpose, the TA will support (i) short-term crash training programs for National Institute of Technical Education (NITE) and Technical College (TC) staff in the layout of workshops and laboratories for trade and technical courses, maintenance of equipment, and inventory-control and storekeeping; (ii) rationalization of physical and staff resources involving (a) an institution-wide survey of physical and staff resources, (b) preparation of a plan for redistribution of the resources among the institutions involved, and (c) implementation of the plan involving actual transfers of assets and staff; and (iii) establishment of management information system in NITE and DTET for data collection, and monitoring and evaluation.

Status of Consulting Services: Consultant has been recruited.

8. Initiating a National Reform Program, Nauru

Executing Agency	Ministry of Finance
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	April 1996
Date Approved	25 July 1996

Project Description

The major objectives of the TA are: (i) to identify the policy and strategic options available to Government and formulate a reform program and; (ii) to assist the Government to draft a set of structural adjustment and reform proposals that will lead to greater self-reliance and sustainable development policies.

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

9. Thailand-Cambodia-Viet Nam Southern Coastal Road Corridor, Regional

Executing Agency	Asian Development Bank
TA Type	Study
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	May 1996
Date Approved	18 July 1996

Project Description

The regional technical assistance will undertake a study at the pre-feasibility level, covering engineering, economic, environmental and social issues, for the southern coastal road linking Thailand, Cambodia and Viet Nam. Based on the study, the TA will result in a project profile comparable to those presented in the Subregional Transport Sector Study for the nine originally proposed road projects under the Greater Mekong Subregion initiative.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.