

**MONTHLY SUMMARY REPORT ON APPROVED SMALL-SCALE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
(as of 30 June 2005)**

1. VIE-4593: Support to Implementation of Poverty Reduction Program II Outlined under the Poverty Reduction Support Credit (PRSC) IV, Viet Nam (Project Preparatory)

Implementing Agency : State Bank of Viet Nam
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 21 April 2005
Date Approved : 9 June 2005

The overall purpose of the TA is to fulfill ADB requirements on social and environmental safeguards for the proposed Support to Implementation of Poverty Reduction Program (SPRP) II as outlined in the PRSC IV Framework. Its outcome will be to help implement the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy within the framework of PRSC IV through minimized negative social and environmental risks; improved quality of loan documents; and advanced and widened policy dialogue and consultation in a well-coordinated and comprehensive manner with the donor community, the Government, the private sector, and other stakeholders including civil society, academia, and NGOs. PRSC IV is a credit for the budget support in 2005.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

2. THA-4595: Supporting Post-Tsunami Activities and Coastal Zone Management (Advisory)

Executing Agency : Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 23 March 2005
Date Approved : 10 June 2005

The TA will have a direct positive impact on the Government's objective to promote sustainable coastal zone management (CZM) by improving the relevant legal and regulatory framework and by ensuring adequate field-level coordination of government and non-government agencies involved in post-tsunami rehabilitation activities. The main outcome of the TA will be (i) improved legal and regulatory framework for CZM in Thailand through amendments proposed for the existing laws and regulations, and (ii) increased knowledge and information for sustainable CZM among key stakeholders.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.