

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 PER PROJECT
JUNE 1997**

Implementation of the Pesticides Regulatory Framework, Nepal

Executing Agency	Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	April 1997
Date Approved	11 June 1997

Project Description

The TA will assist the Government in implementing the recently developed legal, institutional and regulatory framework for the safe and efficient use of pesticides in the country including the safe disposal management of existing and future obsolete and expired pesticide material. In particular, the objective of the TA is to support the Government in: (i) improving the implementation of the Pesticides Act, 2048 and the Pesticides Regulations, 2050 to effectively control pesticides production, importation and use in the country; and in (ii) undertaking the safe disposal of the remaining stock of expired pesticides.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

2. Private Hydropower Policy Study, Pakistan

Executing Agency	Ministry of Water and Power
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	February 1997
Date Approved	11 June 1997

Project Description

The objectives of the TA are to: (i) review and improve the policy framework for hydropower generation in the private sector in Pakistan, taking into account the experience of other countries which have successfully implemented BOT hydropower projects; (ii) propose suitable institutional arrangements for implementation of the policy; (iii) select an appropriate hydropower project that is in a sufficient state of readiness and adapt the documentation from other countries to solicit BOT bids for this project; and (iv) suggest alternative modalities for public-private sector partnership in hydropower development.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

3. Corporatization Plan for the Public Utilities Board, Kiribati

Executing Agency	Ministry of Works and Energy
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	Not listed
Date Approved	17 June 1997

Project Description

The principal objective of the TA is to develop a plan for the transformation of the Public Utilities Board (PUB) into a corporation to be operated on commercial principles with enhanced autonomy and authority. The TA will: (i) develop a corporate strategic plan for the new corporation; (ii) review the existing organization structure of PUB and recommend appropriate changes; (iii) assess the feasibility of divisionalization of PUB activities and design an appropriate cost/profit driven structure; (iv) review and evaluate the legal/legislative framework of the utilities sector and recommend required modifications; (v) propose required personnel and other resources to carry out PUB's functions effectively; and (vi) determine the training needs of staff in accounting, financial management, billing and collection, operation and maintenance, and project administration.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

4. Interest Rate Management of National Saving Scheme, Pakistan

Executing Agency	Ministry of Finance
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	May 1997
Date Approved	18 June 1997

Project Description

The key objective of this TA will be to examine the issues of interest rate structure with the objective of developing an appropriate mechanism for the management of the interest rates of National Saving Scheme (NSS). The TA will support a review of the existing interest rate structure of various instruments and estimate the effective interest rates of major financial instruments and their key determinants. The TA will further analyze the impact of various policies and implications of nonperforming portfolio on interest rate structure. Based on the findings, the TA will support formulation of appropriate mechanism for the adjustment of NSS.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

5. Strengthening National Economic and Social Development Board's Role in National Economic Planning and Policy Analysis, Thailand

Executing Agency	National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB)
TA Type	Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	Not listed
Date Approved	18 June 1997

Project Description

NESDB in the past has played an important, but relatively limited and ad hoc, role related to governance issues (e.g. strengthening the economic management system) and to external economic strategy. Given changing requirements, the TA is aimed at strengthening NESDB's role related to two general areas: (i) its role in reshaping the governance framework for economic/development policy, (i.e. the economic and development management system) in the

context of the Eighth Plan; and (ii) its policy advisory role to the Cabinet as related to external economic strategy. Strengthening NESDB's role in this context will involve a process of institutional adjustment, and the TA is aimed at contributing to this process.

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

6. Water Resources Development in West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia

Executing Agency	Directorate General of Water Resources Development
TA Type	Project Preparatory
TA Amount (\$'000)	100.0
ADBBO Listing	March 1997
Date Approved	20 June 1997

Project Description

The objective of the TA is to assist the Government to complete the preparation of an investment project, initiated under the Second Integrated Irrigation Sector Project, covering development of water conservation and water transfers for irrigation in West Nusa Tenggara. The following specific activities will be carried out under the TA: (i) update project cost estimates; (ii) identify any necessary activities to improve agricultural support services; (iii) assist the Government to complete the environmental review process of the project and prepare SEIA; (iv) recommend appropriate organizational and coordination arrangements for project implementation; (v) review the involvement of project beneficiaries in the decision-making process; and (vi) prepare detailed terms of reference for consulting services for project supervision.

Status of Consulting Services: Direct selection of consultants has been approved.

7. External Evaluation of RETA 5592: Asia Least-Cost Greenhouse Gas Abatement Strategy for Asia Project, Regional

Executing Agency	Asian Development Bank
TA Type	Others
TA Amount (\$'000)	50.0
ADBBO Listing	Not listed
Date Approved	17 June 1997

Project Description

The scope of the TA consists of: (i) evaluation of the implementation of the capacity building activities of the Project; (ii) evaluation of the extent to which country-level human and institutional capacity has been developed under the Project; and (iii) evaluation of the extent to which the Project outputs by the country teams are likely to be useful to the Governments in the preparation of their national communications to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Status of Consulting Services: A consultant has been engaged.

8. Third Meeting of the Subregional Telecommunications Forum, Regional

Executing Agency	Asian Development Bank
TA Type	Conference
TA Amount (\$'000)	50.0
ADBBO Listing	Not listed
Date Approved	18 June 1997

Project Description

The TA will support the organization and conduct of the meeting. The scope of the TA consists of: (i) preparation and organization of the meeting; (ii) conduct of the meeting; (iii) conduct of a panel discussion on private sector financing of telecommunications projects; and (iv) consultancy services to assist in preparing technical papers for the forum. The objectives of the meeting are: (i) to review developments in the telecommunications sector in the participating GMS countries; (ii) to review the progress in the implementation of the Subregional Telecommunications forum workplan; (iii) to discuss the implementation of the East Loop Project; and (iv) to discuss private sector financing options for telecommunications projects.

Status of Consulting Services: A consultant has been engaged.