

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

1. CAM-4570: Sustainable Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, Cambodia (Project Preparatory)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	150.0
ADBBO Listing	:	2 December 2002
Date Approved	:	2 March 2005

The TA's goal is to improve the access to sustainable and affordable water supply and sanitation for rural communities in five provinces of Cambodia, and its purpose is to complete the preparation of the Sustainable Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project, which will contribute to this goal. The outputs will be (i) a gender strategy and action plan, (ii) an updated and enhanced resettlement framework, (iii) an updated institutional assessment of national and provincial agencies involved in the sector and recommendations for an institutional strengthening program, (iv) a review of recent and planned donor's interventions in the rural water supply and sanitation sector, (v) an update and review of recent policies, plans and legislation approved by the Government since the original fact-finding, (vi) two separate monitoring and evaluation systems for the grant and the loan components of the project respectively, (vii) socioeconomic surveys in the two additional provinces, (viii) identification of specific measures to ensure that the poor would benefit from the project, (ix) review and recommendations for a participation strategy, (x) a financial plan specifying the contributions of communities, Government and ADB to the different types of subprojects that the project will develop, and (xi) a review of lessons learnt in the sector since the original fact-finding.

Status of Consulting Services: Recruitment of consultants is underway.

2. RETA-6233: High Level Coordination Meeting on Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Assistance to Tsunami Affected Countries, Regional (Conference)

Executing Agency	:	Asian Development Bank
TA Amount (\$'000)	:	150.0
ADBBO Listing	:	2 March 2005
Date Approved	:	3 March 2005

The development community's response to the tsunami disaster is now shifting from the relief phase to the rehabilitation and reconstruction phase. Needs assessments have been largely completed and the preparation of projects has begun. The international community must carry the significant momentum of the initial relief effort into a longer-term program of rehabilitation and reconstruction – to restore livelihoods, rehabilitate communities, re-establish social services, and rebuild infrastructure. In this connection, ADB invited Ministerial-level representatives from the tsunami-affected countries and their development partners to a High-Level Coordination Meeting on 18 March 2005 at ADB Headquarters in Manila. The meeting helped to ensure that the world's attention remains focused on tsunami support and that donor support for and confidence in the affected countries remains high. The meeting in Manila complemented country-level meetings by providing a regional perspective. The purpose was to provide a forum for regional coordination and information sharing to ensure that recovery efforts are effective and to avoid wasteful duplication and overlap during the medium term. The meeting took stock of the status of recovery efforts. It was the first regional overview of the rehabilitation and reconstruction effort, and thereby provided a comprehensive understanding of the situation. The meeting identified the types of information that could be exchanged among tsunami-affected countries and their development partners over the medium term and how that information could be organized and regularly updated. It also explored possible areas of joint work, partnership, coordination, and harmonization.

Status of Consulting Services: No consultants are required.