

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

**1. PAK-4587: Agribusiness Development Project Implementation Support, Pakistan (Advisory)**

**Implementing Agency :** Asian Development Bank-Pakistan Resident Mission  
**TA Amount (\$'000) :** 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing :** 9 February 2005  
**Date Approved :** 17 May 2005

The purpose of the TA is to expedite (i) project implementation, and (ii) the establishment of the Agribusiness Support Fund (ASF). The primary tasks are to (i) identify key personnel from the private sector that could be recruited by the Project; (ii) work with the EA, IAs, Ministry of Finance, and the State Bank of Pakistan to determine financing and loan disbursement arrangements; (iii) begin the procurement of project equipment and establishment of facilities; (iv) identify accounting companies for an independent audit; (v) prepare ASF memorandum of articles of association, standard operating procedures, business plan, and code of conduct for the board of directors and staff; and (vi) identify potential project and ASF staff, and potential candidates for the ASF board of directors.

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

**2. RETA-6242: Developing New Policy Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihoods Protection and Natural Resource Management among Ethnic Minorities of the GMS: A Study of Policies and Their Impacts, Strategies for Change (Study)**

**Executing Agency :** Asian Development Bank  
**TA Amount (\$'000) :** 150.0  
**ADBBO Listing :** 16 March 2005  
**Date Approved :** 17 May 2005

The goal of the TA is to reduce poverty among ethnic minorities and support sound natural resource management in the upland areas of the GMS. The purpose is to enhance the understanding among key policy makers and project staff in DMCs and ADB of the impacts of key policies related to natural resources management and livelihoods of upland communities. Its primary output will be a comprehensive and analytical report on the nature and impacts of the policies pursued by governments and donors, on ethnic minorities living in the region, as well as on the management of land and forest resources. It will include a set of recommendations on future policy development and advocacy and project design, particularly in relation to ADB projects in the region. It will produce a unique advocacy tool for ADB to work with governments to develop viable pro-poor policy options, and will help ADB to work closely with other development partners to develop coherent policy approaches on critical development issues in the GMS.

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