

**MONTHLY REPORT ON SMALL-SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS
NOT EXCEEDING \$150,000 PER PROJECT
November 2003**

1. Establishment of the Tonle Sap Basin Management Organization, Cambodia

Executing Agency : Cambodia National Mekong Committee
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 135.0
ADBBO Listing : 15 August 2003
Date Approved : 7 November 2003

Project Description :

The goal of the TA is sound management of natural resources and the environment in the Tonle Sap basin. Its purpose is to design, and plan the development of, the institutional framework for integrated basin planning and management. Its primary output will be a basin management organization design. Another output will be the outline of a long-term TA roadmap for establishment and effective operation of the basin management organization. A third output will be the specification of a first TA to support its establishment.

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

2. Effective Waste Management and Recycling, Tuvalu

Executing Agency : Office of Prime Minister
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 5 September 2003
Date Approved : 12 November 2003

Project Description :

The objectives of the TA are to improve overall waste management on the island of Funafuti by building a permanent and sustainable waste management program, reduce indiscriminate waste disposal, and promote awareness of appropriate sanitation and waste management. The focus of the TA will be on (i) improvement of separation, collection, treatment, and disposal of solid waste (both organic and inorganic); (ii) promotion of markets for recycled products, compost, and organic fertilizer by supporting community and home gardening initiatives; and (iii) capacity building of the Funafuti Kaupule and the Department of Environment (specifically the Waste Management Unit).

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

3. Policy Study on the Poverty Reduction Program – Trends, Challenges, and Future Directions, People's Republic of China

Executing Agency : State Council Leading Group Office on Poverty Alleviation and Development
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 1 September 2003
Date Approved : 20 November 2003

Project Description :

The goal of the TA is to develop a poverty reduction strategy that will address the emerging challenges in the PRC over the next two decades. The purpose of the TA is to assist the Government in conducting a policy study that will provide the framework for the policy and institutional directions of the PRC's poverty reduction strategy for the next two decades. The outputs of the TA are an analytical study and the presentation of the findings of the policy paper in the World Bank-sponsored international conference on poverty reduction that will be held in Shanghai in May 2004. The study will comprise an integrated paper and six poverty focused reports.

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

4. Strengthening of Financial Management Capacity of Project Management Units, Pakistan

Executing Agency : Department of Auditor General of Pakistan (DAG)
TA Type : Advisory and Operational
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 5 September 2003
Date Approved : 25 November 2003

Project Description :

The overall goal of the TA is to assist the Government in poverty reduction and social development through efficient and effective use of financial resources, resulting in optimal financial and economic benefits from investments in development projects. This will be achieved through the TA objectives of assisting the PMUs to implement ADB-assisted projects and DAG staff to conduct audits of ADB-assisted projects in accordance with sound financial management and auditing policies and procedures, as set out in government financial regulations and ADB's *Guidelines for Financial Governance and Management of Investment Projects Financed by ADB*. No parallel or donor-specific accounting or auditing system is intended to be established through the TA's activities. Instead, the TA will assist and support government efforts in improving its financial management, audit and reporting functions, within its existing system.

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

5. Private Sector Cooperation in the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Subregion (Phase II), Regional

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Study
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 7 February 2003
Date Approved : 5 November 2003

Project Description :

The goal of the TA is to help the subregion improve its competitive edge in the world market. To achieve the goal, the TA will explore improved private sector cooperation in agroprocessing, tourism, and audiovisual industry within the SASEC subregion. If the efforts of each country on economic restructuring, greater specialization in production, and human resource development are combined with subregional cooperation based on complementarities and comparative advantage of the national economies, this is expected to lead to a “virtuous circle” and promote economic activity in the subregion, with benefits for each individual country.

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

6. Social Protection Assessments, Regional

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Others
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 20 January 2003
Date Approved : 5 November 2003

Project Description :

The goal of the TA is to assist the Governments of Azerbaijan, the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan in identifying and prioritizing changes to strengthen and improve effectiveness of social protection systems. The TA will assess the present social protection systems, and integrate these findings into ADB's country strategy papers and country programming. The TA has three major objectives: (i) to create a vulnerability and risk profile and summary labor market assessment to meet the requirements of the country poverty analysis; (ii) to review and analyze the existing social protection system in terms of its efficiency in targeting the population in need, and effectiveness in providing social protection to vulnerable populations; and (iii) to recommend measures to increase efficiency and effectiveness of the social protection system. Results of the analyses will be presented in a country report for three ADF eligible DMCs, and a summary paper which will compare the social protection systems of the three countries.

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

7. **GMS: Southern Coastal Corridor, Regional**

Executing Agency : GMS National Coordinators for Cambodia, Thailand and Viet Nam and Ministry of Transport in Viet Nam
TA Type : Study
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 23 July 2003
Date Approved : 5 November 2003

Project Description :

The RETA will undertake a pre-feasibility study for the Southern Coastal Corridor Project. The objective of this Project is to address transport connections along the southern coasts of Cambodia, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The Project will provide linkages for coastal communities both to themselves and to the national and subregional economies and help promote subregional economic cooperation between and among Cambodia, Thailand, and Viet Nam, that is so necessary for addressing poverty. Outputs from the RETA will include detailed routing and status of the components of the project in Cambodia, Thailand, and Viet Nam, and an initial evaluation of the viability of the project in terms of the Project as a whole and the individual components in Viet Nam.

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

8. **Training and Enhancing Loan Accounting System of OCR Public Sector Borrowers and Executing Agencies (EAs), Regional**

Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
TA Type : Training
TA Amount (\$'000) : 150.0
ADBBO Listing : 3 October 2003
Date Approved : 20 November 2003

Project Description :

The objective of the RETA is to assist selected OCR public sector borrowers and EAs in improving their loan accounting systems. The TA will include two components, (i) training for accounting staff of selected OCR public sector borrowers and EAs, and (ii) developing a loan accounting system model. A User's Manual will also be provided for the use of borrowers and EAs. The Manual will include an explanation of ADB's loan financial terms, and accounting and servicing procedures and practices, and description of the loan accounting system model.

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