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I. PROJECT LIST BY SECTOR

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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES	
Bangladesh	Second Crop Diversification Project
India	Agribusiness Infrastructure Development Investment Program (Phase 2)
Indonesia	Integrated Citarum Water Resources Management Investment Program - Project 1
Nepal	Community Irrigation Project
Pakistan	Market Infrastructure Project
Tajikistan	Cotton Processing and Market Development Project
Uzbekistan	Water Resources Management Sector Project (formerly Irrigation Project/Agriculture Sector Development)
Vietnam	Emergency Rehabilitation of Calamity Damage Project (Supplementary)
ENERGY SECTOR	
Philippines	Philippine Energy Efficiency Project
ENVIRONMENT SECTOR	
China	Songhua River Basin Water Pollution Control and Management Project
China	Qingdao Water Resources and Wetland Protection
Laos	Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project
Pakistan	MFF - Sindh Cities Improvement Investment Program - Project 1
HEALTH SECTOR	
Pakistan	Punjab Millennium Development Goals Program - Subprogram 1
Pakistan	Impact of Maternal and Child Health Private Expenditure on Poverty and Inequity
INDUSTRY, FINANCE, AND OTHER SECTORS	
Bangladesh	Developing Inclusive Insurance Sector Project
Cambodia	Second Financial Sector Program Cluster (Subprogram 2)
Cambodia	Promoting Economic Diversification Program - Subprogram 1
Cambodia	Capacity Development for National Economic Policy Analysis and Development Management, Phase III
China	Fiscal Policy Support for Economic Development in Henan
China	Promoting a more Inclusive and Effective Disaster Risk Management System
Indonesia	Second Local Government Finance and Governance Reform Program - Subprogram 1
Indonesia	Fourth Development Policy Support Program
Laos	Capacity Strengthening for Enhancing Aid Effectiveness
Micronesia	Strengthening Public Sector Performance
Philippines	Governance in Justice Sector Reform Program - Subprogram 1
Regional	City Region Development Project
Regional	Support for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Financial Regulators Training Initiative
Regional	Strengthening the Implementation of the Asian Development Fund Grant Framework in ADB's Developing Member Countries
Regional	Enterprise Development and the Challenge of Inclusive Growth
Regional	Promoting Inclusive Growth through Business Development at the Base of the Pyramid
Regional	Regional Stocktaking and Mapping of Disaster Risk Reduction Interventions for Asia and the Pacific (formerly Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response)
Regional	Climate Impacts and Responses: A Multimedia Campaign Project
Regional	Establishment of the Pacific Infrastructure Advisory Center
Tuvalu	Improved Financial Management Program
Vietnam	Support for the Implementation of the Poverty Reduction Program V (Program Cluster) - Subprogram 1
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR	
Afghanistan	MFF - Road Network Development Investment Program Project 1
Afghanistan	MFF - Road Network Development Investment Program (Facility Concept)
Armenia	North-South Road Corridor Development Program
China	Chongqing-Lichuan Railway Development Project
India	Dedicated Freight Corridor Project

Country	Projects
	TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR
India	Bihar State Highways II Project
Kazakhstan	MFF CAREC Transport Corridor I (Zhambyl Oblast Section) [Western Europe-Western People's Republic of China International Transit Corridor] Investment Program - Project 1
	URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECTOR
China	Guangxi Wuzhou Urban Development Project

II. LOAN

CAMBODIA

A. Second Financial Sector Program Cluster (Subprogram 2)

Loan No. : 2479
Project No. : 34389- 02
Amount (US \$ million) : 10.3
Sector/Subsector : Finance

Project Rationale: Subprogram 2 is part of the four single tranching subprograms of the Second Financial Sector Cluster Program for Cambodia and it therefore has the same project rationale as that for the overall cluster program. Subprograms 3 and 4 will share the same project rationale.

Impact: A sound, market-based financial system that enhances resource mobilization and sustainable economic growth

Procurement

Consulting Services: To be determined

Civil Works/Goods: Loan proceeds will be used to finance full foreign exchange cost (excluding local duties and taxes) of items produced and procured in ADB member countries, excluding a negative list of ineligible items, and import finance by other bilateral and multilateral sources.

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B. Promoting Economic Diversification Program - Subprogram 1

Loan No. : 2480
Project No. : 38421- 01
Amount (US \$ million) : 20
Sector/Subsector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Procurement

Consulting Services: To be determined

Civil Works/Goods: The loan proceeds will be used to finance the full foreign exchange costs (excluding local duties and taxes) of items produced and procured in ADB member countries no more than 180 days before the effectiveness date of the loan. Items specified in the list of ineligible items and imports financed by other bilateral and multilateral sources are excluded. Goods commonly traded on the international commodity market will be procured in accordance with procedures appropriate to the trade and acceptable to ADB.

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CHINA

A. Chongqing-Lichuan Railway Development Project

Loan No. : 2481
Project No. : 39153- 01
Executing Agency : Ministry of Railways
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Amount (US \$ million) : 150
Sector/Subsector : Transport and Communications

Project Rationale: The Project reflects ADB's railway sector operational strategy for the PRC, which includes reducing railway network constraints to promote sustainable economic growth in poor areas, not served by railways. The components are formulated in line with Ministry of Railway's (MOR's) 2004 railway development plan and 11th Five Year Plan (2006-2010).

Chongqing-Lichuan Railway (CLR) is in line with the Government's western development strategy to provide less developed regions with better infrastructure to facilitate economic growth, thereby increasing the opportunity for people to improve their living standards. The interior regions of the PRC have not benefited as much from economic growth and reforms as the east coast; in fact, the gap between economic and social development has increased. Transport constraints and high logistics costs are two factors contributing to regional economic disparities, and two of the constraints preventing the western region from capitalizing on its comparative advantages.

CLR is part of the shortest east-west corridor linking Shanghai, Qingdao, Wuhan, Yichang and other major cities and ports in the east to Chongqing and Chengdu in the west. The proposed alignment for the CLR is 369 km shorter than the existing route between Shanghai and Chengdu. Traversing Hubei Province, and Chongqing Municipality, the proposed railway line will connect with Shanghai-Wuhan-Yichang-Lichuan in the east; YuHuai railway in the center; proposed Lanzhou-Chongqing and Xi'an-Chongqing main lines in the north, Chongqing-Chengdu in the west, and Chongqing-Kunming in the south.

Impact: The impact of the Project will be an improved transport system in the Shanghai-Chengdu corridor that supports socioeconomic development and the western development strategy.

Procurement

Consulting Services: The Government will engage and finance the services of qualified national consultants for: (i) detailed project design; (ii) the preparation of technical specifications; (iii) construction supervision; (iv) construction quality assurance; (v) environmental supervision and management; (vi) the monitoring and evaluation of the resettlement plan; and (vii) socioeconomic impact assessment, evaluation of poverty reduction, and project performance monitoring.

The ADB loan will be used to finance 8 person-months of international consulting services to strengthen the institutional, marketing, and business development functions of the project company. The international consultants will be recruited through quality and cost based selection (80% technical and 20% financial) and simplified technical proposal, according to ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time). The provisions of ADB's Anticorruption Policy will be included in all invitation documents and contracts for international consultants.

Civil Works/Goods: ADB will finance the procurement of materials and equipment as described in the procurement plan. Contracts valued at \$1 million or more will be procured through international competitive bidding. Contracts valued at less than \$1 million will be procured through international competitive bidding or national competitive bidding, according to the PRC Tendering and Bidding Law (1999) and subject to clarifications agreed on with ADB. Below \$100,000, procurement will follow the shopping procedure. MOR will select tendering companies on a competitive basis to handle international bidding. The relevant sections of ADB's Anticorruption Policy (1998, as amended to date) will be included in all documents and contracts during the bidding for, and implementation of, the Project.

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B. Songhua River Basin Water Pollution Control and Management Project

Loan No. : 2487
Project No. : 40665- 01
Executing Agency : Jilin Provincial Government
Heilongjiang Provincial Government
Amount (US \$ million) : 200
Sector : Water Supply, Sanitation and Waste Management

Output: Reduced pollution and improved water supply, wastewater management, and solid-waste management in the Songhua River Basin (SRB)

Outcome: Component I - Improved and expanded water supply services, and wastewater treatment in the project counties and cities in Heilongjiang Province

- 1.1 Four WTPs in the project counties and cities in Heilongjiang Province which have additional capacity and where the distribution mains is operational
- 1.2 Nine WWTPs and sewers in the project counties and cities in Heilongjiang province are operational

Component II - Improved and expanded waste water treatment, solid waste management, and river improvement in the project counties and cities in Jilin Province

- 2.1 Nine WWTPs and sewers in the project counties and cities in Jilin Province are operational
- 2.2 10 sanitary landfill facilities in Jilin province are operational
- 2.3 River improvement at the source of the Songhua River is completed

Component III - Institutional capacity development for project management

Impact: Enhanced urban environment and improved public health and quality of life for urban residents in the project cities and counties in the provinces of Heilongjiang and Jilin along the Songhua River Basin (SRB).

Procurement

Consulting Services: For the Heilongjiang component, the project provides funding for an estimated 32 person-months of international, and 150 person-months of national consulting services to support the Heilongjiang Project Management Office (PMO), the concerned local governments, and implementing agencies (IAs) in project implementation management and capacity development. For the Jilin component, the Project provides funding for an estimated 36 person-months of international and 165 person-months of national consulting services to support the Jilin PMO, the concerned local governments, and IAs in project implementation management and capacity development. A consulting firm will be recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants using the quality and cost-based selection method (80:20) and requesting full technical proposals. Consulting services are

required for: (i) providing design review and advisory services to ensure the technical specifications, detailed design drawings, and implementation schedules are properly addressing the technical issues, complying with engineering norms, and are up to date; (ii) project management and construction supervision; (iii) establishing the management information system and project performance management system; (iv) preparing a strategy for reduction of non-revenue water along with a time-bound action plan on the water supply subcomponents; (v) social, environmental, and resettlement monitoring; (vi) financial management; (vii) helping with private sector participation initiatives; (viii) providing trainings related to project management, procurement, and construction supervision as well as specific trainings on how to efficiently operate the wastewater collection and treatment facilities, the municipal solid waste (MSW) treatment facilities and the water supply treatment and distribution systems, etc.; and (ix) improving operation and maintenance (O&M).

Civil Works/Goods: All procurement of goods and works shall be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2007, as amended from time to time). Contracts for goods estimated to exceed \$1 million and contracts for works estimated to exceed \$10 million will be procured using international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures. Contracts for goods and contracts for works estimated to cost equal or less than the above ICB values but more than \$100,000 shall be procured on the basis of national competitive bidding (NCB) procedures in accordance with the PRC Tendering and Bidding Law (1999), subject to modifications agreed with ADB. Contracts for goods and works estimated to cost \$100,000 or less will be procured using shopping procedures.

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C. Qingdao Water Resources and Wetland Protection

Loan No. : 2494
Project No. : 40017- 01
Executing Agency : Qingdao Municipal Development & Reform Commission
Mr. Sun Li, Director

Amount (US \$ million) : 45
Sector/Subsector : Multisector

Project Rationale: The coastal wetlands of Jiaozhou Bay surrounded by Qingdao Municipality (including the city of Jiaozhou situated at the head of the Bay) are vital, representing the most important marine ecosystem of the Qingdao coastal region and the Shandong Peninsula. They provide breeding grounds for many types of fish and shellfish, a resting place for migratory birds, as well as maintaining coastal biological diversity. In addition, they play a key role in absorbing excessive nutrients from land-based activities, before they enter the waters of the bay proper, thereby helping to prevent eutrophication in the bay. Finally, the wetlands play a key role in flood management and coastal protection which will become of increasing significance to coastal cities as sea levels continue to rise as a result of global warming. Since the 1950s, the coastal wetlands around Jiaozhou Bay have been severely impacted by human activities, notably in relation to excessive pollution generation; it is estimated since 1950 that the wetland area has shrunk by 30%. Moreover, the area of natural wetlands has decreased with artificial wetlands such as salt and aquaculture ponds doubling in area. These observations indicate that effective upstream environmental and water resources management (reducing pollution loads, preserving river regimes) together with effective coastal zone management zoning is required to reduce further wetlands loss and degradation, and thereby ensuring the preservation of the Jiaozhou Bay environment.

Impact: The impact of the proposed Project is improved quality of life, sustainable ecosystem, and biodiversity conservation in Jiaozhou Bay.

Procurement

Consulting Services: About 31 person-months of international consulting and 100 person-months of national consulting, to be funded under the Project, will be required for project management support and implementation of non-structural measures. Consulting services will be provided in the following specific areas: (i) development of an integrated information system for management of drainage and wastewater assets in Jiaozhou, (ii) ecological upgrading of the Shaohai Lake wetlands, (iii) construction supervision and quality control, (iv) financial management and corporate governance, and (v) operation and maintenance improvements. The international consultants will also provide training and capacity building in wastewater management and treatment planning, industrial pollution control, hydrological and hydraulic analysis, storm water source control financial management, and environmental monitoring and management. Contract for consulting services will be awarded to consulting firms using the quality-and cost-based selection procedures (80:20), in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time).

Civil Works/Goods: All procurement of goods and works shall be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2007, as amended from time to time). Contracts for goods estimated to exceed \$1 million and contracts for works estimated to exceed \$10 million shall be procured using international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures. Contracts for goods and works estimated to cost equal or less than the above ICB values but more than \$100,000 shall be procured through national competitive bidding procedures in accordance with the PRC Tendering and Bidding Law (1999), subject to modifications agreed with ADB. Contracts for goods and works estimated to cost \$100,000 or less shall be procured using shopping procedures. The relevant sections of ADB's Anticorruption Policy (1998 as amended to date) will be included in all procurement documents and contracts.

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D. Guangxi Wuzhou Urban Development Project

Loan No. : 2491
Project No. : 40642- 01
Executing Agency : Wuzhou Municipal Government
Li Guomin, Director, Wuzhou Project Management Off

Amount (US \$ million) : 100
Sector/Subsector : Multisector

Project Rationale: Wuzhou is a less developed medium-sized city located in the western region of the PRC. The city is at a critical stage of urban development to grow into a multimodal transportation center to further strengthen the economic integration between Guangxi and its neighboring western provinces with Pearl River Delta. The Project will help WMG address the geohazard concern - one major development constraint of the city and help thousands of people to be free from the threat of geological disasters. The Project is consistent with the ADB's Country Partnership Strategy for PRC, which specifies that ADB will directly support sound and sustainable urban development with a focus on relatively underdeveloped western and northeastern regions. Furthermore, the Project will introduce an innovative approach with a demonstration effect to address the geohazard concern faced by many cities under similar geological conditions in the less developed western region of the PRC.

Impact: Sustained urban development and improved quality of life in Wuzhou

Procurement

Consulting Services: Consultants will be recruited in line with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants. The Project will have two separate contracts for consulting services: one for the capacity development component for establishing the geohazard forecasting and early warning system, and the other for project implementation support. Consulting services under both contracts will be recruited

through quality-cost-based selection method.

Civil Works/Goods: All procurement to be financed under an ADB loan will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines. A detailed procurement plan will be developed through further processing of the loan.

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INDONESIA

A. Second Local Government Finance and Governance Reform Program - Subprogram 1

Loan No. : 2478
Project No. : 38264- 01
Amount (US \$ million) : 350
Sector/Subsector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Impact: More efficient, effective and equitable regional government spending

Procurement

Consulting Services: Not required

Civil Works/Goods: To be determined

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B. Integrated Citarum Water Resources Management Investment Program - Project 1

Loan No. : 2500/2501
Project No. : 37049- 02
Executing Agency : Directorate General of Water Resources
Mr. Iwan Nursyirwan

Amount (US \$ million) : 50
Sector/Subsector : Multisector

Project Rationale: The Citarum river basin is located in the province of West Java and covers about 13,000 km². It is considered by the Government to be the most strategic river basin in the country because it provides 80% of the surface water supply to the capital city of Jakarta. This transfer of water to Jakarta and its metropolitan conurbation takes place through the West Tarum Canal, which was constructed in 1966 and is in urgent need of rehabilitation and upgrading. The Citarum river basin supports a population of more than 28 million people and 20% of the country's industrial output. The upper basin has three hydroelectric dams producing a total of 1,400 megawatts. The river feeds irrigation schemes of total area close to 400,000 ha that produce about five percent of the country's rice.

Sustainable management of the basin's river and groundwater are therefore critical to the social and economic development of the country. The basin's water resources have come under increased pressure over the last 20 years due to urbanization and industrial growth, leading to severe water pollution and acute water stress and depletion of groundwater in several locations. Rapid urbanization has significantly increased the vulnerability to floods, and there are early indications that climate change is already increasing flood intensities dramatically. Environmental degradation has reached levels that compromise

public health and livelihoods, particularly for the urban and rural poor, and incurs additional economic and financial costs related to the delivery of clean reliable bulk water supplies.

For these reasons the Government of Indonesia has determined to adopt a concerted approach to improving land and water management in the basin, for which it has requested ADB's help to develop and fund a long-term IWRM investment program (Investment Program) guided by, and part of, a strategic roadmap. With ADB's help, the government and stakeholders in the basin have formulated a shared vision, which is for the government and communities working together for clean, healthy and productive catchments and rivers, bringing sustainable benefits to all people of the Citarum river basin.

Project 1 has been designed to undertake priority interventions for basin management (identified in the Roadmap for IWRM in the Citarum River Basin). Project 1 the first tranche of the MFF will fund investments in the roadmap key areas of: (i) Institutions and Planning for Integrated Water Resource Management; (ii) Water Resources Development and Management; and (iii) Environmental Protection. The request also covers supporting Investment Program Management, as described below.

Impact. The expected impact of the project is improved and more integrated water resource management.

Procurement

Consulting Services: Consulting services for about 365 person-months (365 pm) including 78 pm international consulting services inputs will be required in the Detailed Engineering Design and Construction Supervision for Rehabilitation of West Tarum Canal. The consulting services are intended to assist the Directorate General of Water Resources of the Ministry of Public Works to prepare the following:

A. Detailed Engineering Design comprising of: i) Feasibility study Cikarang and Cibeet by pass; ii) Detailed design canal and related structures; iii) Topography survey and geotechnical investigation; iv) Hydrometric and geotechnical investigation; v) Hydrological study Cibeet, Cikarang, and Bekasi; vi) Satellite image interpretation for irrigation areas; vii) Preparation of peak water demand model; viii) Preparation of hydraulic canal model; ix) Detailed design of siphons and separation walls; x) Improve canal operation and maintenance; xi) Refurbishment of hydro-mechanical equipment; xii) Prepare cost estimate and tender documents; xiii) Pollution control and public awareness.

B. Construction Supervision of: i) canal excavation and dredging; ii) fill and slope stabilization; iii) construction of siphons and partition walls; iv) bridges and maintenance road, drains, etc.; v) rehabilitation of canal structures; vi) refurbishment of eight hydraulic pumps; vii) installation of control and measuring gates; viii) procurement and installation of trash racks; and ix) replacement of spillway gates of Cibeet weir.

The Directorate General of Water Resources now invites eligible qualified consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services above. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignment, experience in similar locations and conditions, availability of appropriate skills among permanent staff, etc).

Consultants may associate or enter into a joint venture with other international or national firms to enhance their qualification. The details of any proposed association and its leadership should be clearly indicated in the Letter of Interest.

A consultant will be selected using QCBS method, in accordance with the procedures set out in ADB's Guidelines: Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers, April 2006.

Civil Works/Goods: To be determined

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C. Fourth Development Policy Support Program

Loan No. : 2488
Project No. : 40273- 01
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
Amount (US \$ million) : 200
Sector/Subsector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Project Rationale: The Development Policy Support Program (DPSP) series – co-financing the Development Policy Loan (DPL) series supported by the World Bank and Government of Japan - is embedded in the Government of Indonesia's Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJM) for 2004-2009. It supports the RPJM's broad goals of stimulating higher and sustainable economic growth and reducing poverty. These are also the CSP goals for Indonesia for 2006-2009. The theme of the first DPL, DPL-1, which was approved in 2004, was on restoring and maintaining macroeconomic stability and consolidating macroeconomic achievements at a time when Indonesia was leaving its post-crisis IMF program. Within this context, the main focus was on macroeconomic stability and credit worthiness, investment climate, and public financial management and governance. The DPL program has evolved over the years, with its agenda becoming broader and reforms deeper with each successive operation building upon the previous one to ensure incremental implementation. The theme of DPL-2/DPSP-1 progressed towards creating fiscal space. This then led to themes more focused on implementation. The emphasis of DPL-3/DPSP-2 was on utilizing the fiscal space that had been created in DPL-2 to have a greater impact on service delivery, while the theme of DPL-4/DPSP-3 carried this further forward by deepening the process of institutional reform. The investment climate, public financial management and governance, and public service delivery continue to remain the Government's highest priorities, and are also closely linked to ADB's Country Strategy. Despite progress, given the considerable challenges that remain, DPL-5/DPSP-4 will continue to support reforms in these areas, but the policy and reform focus will shift even further towards reforms designed to improve regulations, increase transparency, and deepen institutions as required to sustain medium-term growth and social development.

Impact: Higher economic growth that is sustained over the medium term and lower levels of unemployment and poverty

Procurement

Consulting Services: Not required

Civil Works/Goods: Not required

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KAZAKHSTAN

MFF CAREC Transport Corridor I (Zhambyl Oblast Section) [Western Europe-Western People's Republic of China International Transit Corridor] Investment Program - Project 1

Loan No. : 2503
Project No. : 41121- 02
Executing Agency : Ministry of Transport and Communications
Amount (US \$ million) : 100
Sector/Subsector : Transport and Communications

Project Rationale: The Government gives high priority to the improvement of the Western Europe-Western China Transport Corridor (the Corridor) with a total length of 2,815 km running from Khorgos at the border with the People's Republic of China (PRC), through Almaty and Shymkent, to the western border with the Russian Federation. The Corridor is in bad shape and transit traffic is constrained by poor infrastructure. The Government is targeting the Corridor improvement be commenced on April 2009 for completion by the end of 2012.

ADB plans to finance the Corridor sections located in the Zhambyl Oblast (province). This planned ADB-funded investment program (the Program) will reconstruct 271 km existing roads and construct 209 km new roads bypassing cities and villages to make the project road suitable for international transit traffic. The first tranche project will reconstruct Terez-Kulan and Blagoveschenka-Korday road sections.

Impact: Sustainable economic development and increased domestic and international trade growth

Procurement

Consulting Services: All consultants will be recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers (2007 as amended from time to time). Consulting firms will be selected and engaged using ADB's quality- and cost based selection procedures. Full technical proposals will be required for the Project management Consultant and construction supervision.

Civil Works/Goods: Procurement of goods, civil works, and related services financed from the ADB loan will be done in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (January 2007, as amended from time to time). To ensure competitive bidding, international competitive bidding (ICB) contract packages will be adopted. ICB will be used for civil works over \$2 million and goods over \$1 million. National competitive bidding (NCB) for civil works could be conducted for contracts not exceeding \$2 million. Civil works contracts will be procured through ICB among pre-qualified bidders. ADB's prior review procedures will be followed. MOTC agreed to include the relevant sections of ADB's Anticorruption Policy (1998) in all bidding and contractual documents.

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PAKISTAN

A. Punjab Millennium Development Goals Program - Subprogram 1

Loan No. : 2485
Project No. : 41641- 01
Executing Agency : Department of Health, Punjab
Amount (US \$ million) : 100
Sector/Subsector : Health, Nutrition, and Social Protection

Project Rationale: Pakistan in general, and Punjab, in particular has experienced robust economic development last several years. Human development indicators, however, have not improved. The GoPb has seriously committed itself to monitoring and attaining Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The GoPb is confident I achieving most of MDGs by 2015. It is, however, concerned that reduction of maternal mortality ratio (MMR) and infant mortality rate (IMRs) might not meet the targets without major health sector reform. Thus, the GoPb requested ADB's assistance in carrying out the health sector reform focusing on attaining the MDGs.

Impact: Infant mortality rate is reduced from 77 in 2003/2004 to 40 by 2015; maternal mortality ratio is reduced from 300 in 2003/2004 to 140 by 2015.

Procurement

Consulting Services: Not applicable

Civil Works/Goods: The loan proceeds will be used to finance the full foreign exchange costs (excluding local duties and taxes) of items produced and procured in ADB member countries, excluding the items specified in a negative list of ineligible items (and imports financed by other bilateral and multilateral sources). The proceeds of the program loan will be disbursed to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as the borrower. No supporting import documentation will be required if, during each year that the loan proceeds are expected to be disbursed, the value of Pakistan's total imports minus imports from nonmember countries, ineligible imports, and imports financed under other official development assistance is equal to or greater than the amount of the loan expected to be disbursed during that year. The Government of Pakistan will certify its compliance with this formula with each withdrawal request. Otherwise, import documentation under existing procedures will be required. Disbursements will be made under the simplified procedures for program loans.

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B. MFF - Sindh Cities Improvement Investment Program - Project 1

Loan No. : 2499
Project No. : 37220- 02
Executing Agency : Planning & Development Department, Sindh
Amount (US \$ million) : 38
Sector/Subsector : Water Supply, Sanitation and Waste Management

Project Rationale: Sindh's second-tier cities are under increasing stress of population growth and urban poverty. The provision of urban infrastructure and services has not kept pace with this population growth; inadequate planning and management of infrastructure services keep costs high, quality low and impedes Sindh's economic competitiveness. Deteriorating urban services: (i) add to business and household costs, (ii) damage the urban environment, diminish the quality of life, and (iii)discourage potential investment. While providing scope for more effective service provision, improvements are hindered by continuing overlaps and fragmentation of responsibilities between the Taluka Municipal Administrations

(TMA) and provincial-level agencies. Alternative approaches to service provision, including infrastructure planning and construction, are needed to address the challenges facing Sindh's second-tier cities. Service delivery needs to be separated from system regulation and political interest; service provision needs to be progressively placed on a commercial and self-sustaining basis, leveraging private sector expertise and incentive structures as appropriate.

Impact: The impact of the Project or Tranche 1 will be the improved health, quality of life in and economic competitiveness of six participating secondary towns in Sindh.

Procurement

Consulting Services: Consultants will be selected and engaged using ADB's quality-and-cost-based selection procedures and/or least cost selection procedures in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time). Quality-based selection may be required in cases where the technical expertise is the overriding requirement. In some cases where it can be reasonably justified, single source selection may be necessary. Each respective entity, the Program Support Unit, Urban Unit, LGD, and the NSUSC or other USC's, will be responsible for processing consultant recruitment, supervising and monitoring consultants' work. Logistical support will be provided to the consultants by the Program Support Unit, Urban Unit, LGD and/or NSUSC/other USC's; outputs will be reviewed and shared among the various entities, as appropriate.

Civil Works/Goods: Procurement financed from the ADB loans under the MFF will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2007, as amended from time to time). International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedure will be followed for civil works contracts estimated to cost \$5 million or more. Civil works contracts estimated to cost less than \$5 million will be procured under national competitive bidding (NCB). Single-stage two-envelope bidding procedure with post-qualification will be adopted for all ICB and NCB civil works contracts under the Investment Program. ADB has reviewed Pakistan's standard bidding documents and procurement procedures that are used for NCB (civil works and goods) and found them to be consistent with ADB requirements. Water supply and wastewater contracts that may involve civil works combined with supply and installation of equipment and goods will be considered as civil works contracts, regardless of the proportion of costs associated with equipment of goods. ICB procedures will be used to procure goods and services estimated to cost \$1,000,000 or more. NCB procedures will be followed for procurement of goods and services estimated to cost less than \$1,000,000. For specialized equipment, such as proprietary software and small materials contracts valued less than \$100,000, ADB's shopping procedures may be followed.

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PHILIPPINES

A. Philippine Energy Efficiency Project

Loan No. : 2507
Project No. : 42001- 01
Executing Agency : Department of Energy
Amount (US \$ million) : 31.1
Sector/Subsector : Energy/Energy Sector Development

Project Rationale: The Philippine has one of the highest electricity prices in the region. Consumers spend a large part of their household income on energy (electricity, gasoline, diesel and cooking gas). This situation has become even worse with the recent oil price increases. The country's exposure to high energy prices will continue in the short to medium term as the Government cannot directly influence these prices.

The Government plans to develop a range of legislative measures that will reduce import dependence by promoting increased use of indigenous energy resources, accelerating competition in the energy sector, building awareness and incentives for energy efficiency at all levels, and exploring alternative fuel options for the transport sector.

As an immediate step to switch all consumers of electricity to use more efficient forms of lighting, the Government has decided, as a policy, to phase out incandescent bulbs by January 2010. The Government's initiative to: (i) phase out incandescent bulbs; (ii) implement efficiency improvements in government buildings; and (iii) support the development of ESCOs to help implement energy efficiency projects will need immediate direct investments. All these initiatives could qualify for partial grant financing from various programs under ADBs Clean Energy and Environment Program, launched in 2007.

To support the Government's initiative, it is proposed that ADB provides assistance in developing a financing scheme that will support these energy efficiency and conservation programs. The aim is to: (i) identify and finance projects that can easily be replicated in the other parts of the country, (ii) encourage market-based financing mechanisms, and (iii) support projects that could claim carbon credits. These will support the various programs that the government has already initiated, to reduce the impact of energy prices, and the overall carbon footprint of the energy sector.

Impact: The project will establish sustainable business models for large scale implementation of energy efficiency. It will reduce public sector and local government energy expenditure, expedite market transformation of energy efficiency products by promoting ESCOs, reduce health risks associated with residual mercury and kerosene (in off-grid areas), enhance livelihoods of rural communities, facilitate a viable ESCO industry and establish a certification process for energy and environmentally efficient commercial buildings.

Procurement

Consulting Services: An international consulting firm will be engaged to design (scale up project) and manage the project. The firm will be hired for delivering 127 person-months of consulting services following ADB's quality- and cost-based selection procedures.

Civil Works/Goods: Works and goods include: (i) retrofitting of government buildings with T8 fluorescent tube lamps and electronic ballasts. Scope includes supply, installation and disposal of old fittings; (ii) supply of compact fluorescent lamps; (iii) supply of LED lamps; (iv) supply and installation of street and traffic lights in selected rural electric cooperatives, including disposal of redundant fittings and posts; (v) supply, installation and commissioning of lamp waste management facility; and (vi) supply and installation of lab test facilities and equipment, program management and capacity building.

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B. Governance in Justice Sector Reform Program - Subprogram 1

Loan No. : 2489
Project No. : 41380- 01
Executing Agency : Department of Energy
Amount (US \$ million) : 300
Sector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Project Rationale: The Philippines suffers from poor perceptions of governance as captured in social weather surveys, investment climate surveys, and international comparisons. While progress is being made in macroeconomic management and fiscal stability, other performance indicators have deteriorated, including those of corruption. Recognizing these challenges, the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan 2004-2010 (MTPDP) lays out the agenda to improve institutions and governance outcomes through actions that will enhance both the supply and demand for good governance. MTPDP includes an extensive discussion on the rule of law and needed governance reforms in justice sector institutions. On the supply side of the reform dynamics, the Government, as the provider of public goods and service delivery, is undertaking a multi-year reform program to strengthen the state's administrative capability, skills, incentives and salaries, human resources, and financial management systems to deliver public goods and services at both the national and local government level. The Government recognizes that supply-side factors are necessary, but not sufficient to improve public services and reduce corruption. Demand-led voice and empowerment elements are also needed to strengthen accountability arrangements. A vibrant civil society, coupled with measures in support of transparency and accountability, provides an incentive to change behavior and improve the public service performance of government institutions. Civil society and nongovernmental organization stakeholders play an important role in sustaining policy dialogue on justice sector reforms.

The MTPDP envisions a judiciary that is independent, effective, and efficient, resulting from a holistic and integrated reform effort in the justice system. In addition, it recognizes the important link between the rule of law and institutional reforms in the justice sector, and a strategy to fight poverty and promote inclusive growth.

A key factor in the weakness of justice sector institutions has been poor incentives and a lack of financial resources that have constrained expenditures and capacities, and ultimately resulted in poor public service delivery. The impact of budgetary constraints has led justice sector agencies to prioritize recurrent expenses (primarily personnel). Budgetary compression has also resulted in low salaries that when coupled with antiquated equipment and infrastructure create vacancies in staff positions and disincentives for efficient performance. Resource constraints also make justice sector agencies, particularly the judiciary, prosecution service, and law enforcement susceptible to the external influence of local government units (LGUs), which undermines the independence of courts and the integrity of other justice sector agencies. Justice sector fiscal management capabilities, particularly in budget planning that can play an important role in strengthening fiscal autonomy in spite of government budget constraints, is currently weak. This prevents justice sector agencies from defending their budget requests and obtaining the resources that they need. The absence of resources in justice sector agencies to exercise stronger oversight functions concerning their field offices and the dearth of transparent procedures and accountability mechanisms with respect to the use of public funds contribute to the perception that the agencies are susceptible to corruption.

ADB's focus on governance, macroeconomic management, public expenditure management, and anticorruption in the Philippines is anchored in ADB's Development Policy Support Program for the Philippines, which complements and reinforces ADB's sector loan programs and projects that are aligned with the Government's strategies. The Development Policy Support Program sets out broad policy outcomes for improving public expenditure management, but leaves the rollout to sector programs such as the Local Government Finance and Budget Reform Program and the proposed Governance in Justice Sector Reform Program (GJSRP). The proposed GJSRP will support increased budget resources to the

justice sector and improved expenditure management through the rollout of the medium-term expenditure framework (MTEF), the operational performance indicators framework (OPIF), and internal controls for better justice service delivery, all of which are key outcomes and outputs of the Government's national priorities that are incorporated in the Development Policy Support Program.

ADB has provided longstanding support to the Philippine judiciary and recently expanded the scope of such support to other justice sector agencies in recognition that the impact of governance reforms in the judiciary would be undermined without reforms in other justice sector agencies. The Philippine country strategy and program identifies governance and support for judicial reforms as key pillars of ADB's development assistance. The proposed GJRP reflects the Government's priority of promoting good governance in the justice sector and builds upon related ADB support to this sector.

Impact: The proposed GJSRP will support the Government in its efforts to enhance the rule of law in the Philippines. GJSRP implementation will result in improved governance and efficiency of justice sector agencies while expanding access to justice.

Procurement

Consulting Services: To be determined

Civil Works/Goods: The loan proceeds will be used to finance the full foreign exchange costs (excluding local duties and taxes) of items produced and procured in ADB member countries, excluding ineligible items and imports financed by other bilateral and multilateral sources. The Government will certify its compliance with this formula with each withdrawal request. Otherwise, import documentation under existing procedures will be required.

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UZBEKISTAN

Water Resources Management Sector Project (formerly Irrigation Project/Agriculture Sector Development)

Loan No. : 2492/2493
Project No. : 40086- 01
Executing Agency : Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources
Amount (US \$ million) : 100
Sector/Subsector : Agriculture and Natural Resources

Project Rationale: Agriculture remains a key sector of the economy and a main source of livelihood for the rural population. The irrigation and drainage system is a key success factor and needs financial support in terms of capital and substantial on-site capacity development, training and reforms.

Impact: Sustained and increased agriculture production and productivity

Procurement

Consulting Services: All ADB-financed consulting services will follow ADB's Guidelines on The Use of Consultants.

The Project will provide 154 person-months of international consultants and 490 person-months of national consultants' services. Consulting services are required for: (i) project management including engineering and project supervision, procurement, and monitoring and evaluation; and (ii) a pilot asset management planning for Zarafshan BISA, and (iii) WUA establishment and development.

There will be two consulting contract packages: (i) project management and training; and (ii) SCADA and asset management; and WUA development.

For each contract, the international and national consultants will be recruited using consulting firms, full technical proposals, and quality- and cost-based selection with 80:20 weighting.

Civil Works/Goods: All procurement of goods will follow ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

Major contracts will include: (i) supply and installation of pump and motors, and rehabilitation of the pumping stations and associated infrastructure, (ii) civil works for rehabilitation of the inter-farm canals and associated infrastructure; and (iii) project management and training services.

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VIETNAM

A. Emergency Rehabilitation of Calamity Damage Project (Supplementary)

Loan No. : 2273
Project No. : 40282- 02
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Amount (US \$ million) : 100
Sector : Agriculture and Natural Resources

Project Rationale: Flooding triggered by typhoons and storms is the most prevalent and serious natural disaster in Viet Nam. In 2005, tropical storms and typhoons affected large parts of Viet Nam, causing loss of life and extensive damage in 16 provinces. Many types of infrastructure that are critical to the livelihoods of poor rural households were destroyed in the ten most seriously affected provinces: Ha Giang, Ha Tinh, Nam Dinh, Nghe An, Phu Tho, Phu Yen, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, Thanh Hoa, and Yen Bai.

In recognition of the strong link between vulnerability to natural disasters and persistent poverty, the Government's 5-year Socioeconomic Development Plan (SEDP) for 2006-2010 will increase investment in its poverty reduction programs in remote and disaster-stricken regions. For such vulnerable areas, the SEDP sets 12 poverty reduction and social development targets to be achieved by 2010; one is to build social welfare networks to reduce vulnerability of the disadvantaged and poor. This is to be achieved by, among others, preventing and mitigating natural disasters. The Country Strategy and Program (CSP) 2007-2010 for Viet Nam includes assistance in addressing climate change and the calamities that are expected as Viet Nam is among the most vulnerable developing countries to climate change and sea level rise.

In response to Government's request, Loan 2273-VIE (SF): Emergency Rehabilitation of Calamity Damage Project (the Project) in Special Drawing Rights (SDR) equivalent to \$50.97 million of ADF resources was approved on 21 November 2006, signed on 07 December 2006 and became effective on 23 April 2007. The Project will: (i) reinstate essential infrastructure, including roads, flood protection, irrigation systems, and social infrastructure in the ten provinces that were severely affected by typhoons and storms in 2005; and (ii) concurrently provide equivalent or enhanced storm and flood protection to vulnerable areas where feasible. The Project will also support increased disaster preparedness and

mitigation, and will help the Government mainstream prevention and preparedness activities into the development process to prepare for and avoid the worst impacts of natural disasters.

Following a sector loan approach, which was applied to facilitate an effective emergency response, 89 subprojects with an estimated cost of \$69.5 million were envisaged during Project appraisal. Subsequently, with delays in commencement of the Project and given the urgency of some, a number of subprojects were carried out solely using Government funds. Thus, the number of subprojects was reduced to 75, of which civil works contracts have been awarded and are being implemented for 7, bidding is being processed for another 33, and designs are being prepared for 23 subprojects. Work on the remaining 12 subprojects has not yet commenced and, unless additional financing is approved, may have to be abandoned. As of 31 March 2008, cumulative contract awards and disbursements were \$7.8 million and \$5.0 million, equivalent to 13.7% and 8.8% of the net loan amount, respectively. The ADB loan finances 85% of subproject construction costs.

Recent high inflation in the Viet Nam economy, which reached 21.4% in April 2008, has greatly increased costs of civil works, materials and labor. The high costs have been further compounded by delays in subproject implementation and additional damages to infrastructure caused by typhoons in 2006 and 2007. All subprojects now have total cost estimates that significantly exceed the original estimates of the Borrower. With price escalation, the Government executing agency (EA) has estimated the current total Project cost at \$99.5 million, which represents total subproject cost overruns of \$30 million, or cost overruns of 43.2%. Normally the Borrower finances cost overruns from its own resources and the EA is willing to apply for additional counterpart financing equivalent to 15% of subproject cost overruns. However, given the size and significance of recent price escalation in Viet Nam, the Government cannot finance the full extent of the increased costs and there is a risk that the number of subprojects will be further reduced. The Government is in general agreement to provide additional funding to the Project from the remaining balance of \$225.5 million of Viet Nam's biennial ADF allocation for 2007-2008. This was confirmed during the Country Program Confirmation Mission in January 2008.

Given the previous reduction in the number of subprojects from 89 to 75 and significant increase in construction costs for the remaining subprojects, and Government's inability to wholly finance the cost overruns, ADB staff consider an increase in ADB's and Government's contributions essential to ensure that the number of subprojects identified at appraisal is not further reduced. Any further reduction would jeopardize achievement of the original Project objectives and realization of the intended benefits.

Impact: The Project's impact will be sustained economic growth in the ten provinces severely affected by typhoons in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Procurement

Consulting Services: Project implementation consultants have been recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007). The consultants are to help CPMU and PPMUs carry out risk and vulnerability assessments and review the technical, social, and environmental soundness of feasibility studies and detailed designs prepared by national consulting firms. The consultants are also to assist CPMU and DARDs to ensure adherence to ADB's policies and guidelines during implementation.

Civil Works/Goods: All procurement financed under the ADB loan is being carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2007) and the Law on Bidding No. 61/2005/QH11 of the Social Republic of Vietnam (SRV) dated 29 November 2005. In case where the Laws on Bidding issued by the SRV are not in accordance with ADB's policies and procurement guidelines, ADB's guidelines shall prevail.

Except as ADB may otherwise agree, Goods and Civil Works can only be procured on the basis of the methods of procurement set forth below:

i) International Competitive Bidding (ICB); ii) National Competitive Bidding (NCB); and iii) Shopping

Civil works contracts estimated to cost more than \$2 million equivalent are being procured through ICB. ADB's standard bidding documents for the procurement of works (large contracts) are being used. Civil

works contracts estimated to cost \$2 million or less are being procured through NCB procedures. The Government's standard bidding documents and procedures will be used if these comply closely with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2007). A Procurement Plan has been prepared and agreed with the Government.

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B. Support for the Implementation of the Poverty Reduction Program V (Program Cluster) - Subprogram 1

Loan No. : 2490
Project No. : 42191- 01
Executing Agency : State Bank of Viet Nam
Amount (US \$ million) : 25
Sector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Project Rationale: Viet Nam has made remarkable progress in poverty reduction over the last 15 years by carrying out a broad range of policy reforms fostering sustainable and inclusive economic growth and making social protection more targeted. Since 2002, an increasing number of multilateral and bilateral development agencies have supported these reforms through the World Bank-led Poverty Reduction Support Credit (PRSC) process.

The PRSC process comprises several closely related activities jointly undertaken each year by participating development agencies to help the Government carry out policy reforms needed for the successful implementation of its poverty reduction strategy. The process involves the preparation of Viet Nam development reports by participating agencies, consultations on the policy matrices for PRSCs among participating agencies and between these agencies and the Government, and general budget support (in the form of grants and concessional loans) to Viet Nam by participating agencies to cover some of the costs of the policy reforms to the budget. The World Bank coordinates PRSC activities for the participating development agencies.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) joined the PRSC process in 2003. In 2004-2007, ADB approved four single-tranche standard program loans (one loan every year) to Viet Nam to support, through the PRSC process, the implementation of the Government's poverty reduction programs.

SIPRP V will help the Government of Viet Nam carry out policy reforms that are needed for the successful implementation of the poverty reduction program embedded in the Socioeconomic Development Plan (SEDP) 2006-2010. To this end, SIPRP V will provide parallel financing with the World Bank's PRSCs 7-9 within the framework of the PRSC process. Subprogram 1 will provide parallel financing with PRSC 7.

The policy matrix of PRSC 7 includes a wide spectrum of policy actions in business development, social inclusion, natural resource management, and governance. Subprogram 1 of SIPRP V will focus on those actions in the policy matrix for PRSC 7 that complement policy actions supported by ADB's other program loans to Viet Nam or are otherwise important to ADB's operations in this country.

Impact: The intended impact of SIPRP V is a continued reduction in poverty in Viet Nam in 2008-2010 and beyond. Its expected outcome is the successful implementation of the Government's SEDP 2006-2010.

Procurement

Consulting Services: Not applicable

Civil Works/Goods: Not applicable

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III. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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ARMENIA

North-South Road Corridor Development Program

TA No. : 7208
Project No. : 42145- 01
Executing Agency : Ministry of Transport & Communication
Amount (US \$ million) : 1
Sector : Transport and Communications

Procurement

Consulting Services: The technical assistance (TA) will require international consultants (23 person-months) associated with national consultants (37 person-months) engaged from a firm using the simplified technical proposal procedures based on the quality- and cost-based selection method, in accordance with ADB's guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time).

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BANGLADESH

A. Second Crop Diversification Project

TA No. : 7230 (PPTA)
Project No. : 40534- 01
Executing Agency : Department of Agricultural Extension
Ministry of Agriculture
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.5
Sector : Agriculture and Natural Resources

Procurement

Consulting Services: The project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) will consist of the provision of expertise of both international and national consultants in the fields of: agriculture development planning, horticulture extension, agriculture economics, rural credit and NGOs, social concerns (including gender, ethnic minorities and land acquisition), and environmental impact and mitigation. In total 31 person-months of consultant expertise will be recruited consisting of 11 person-months of international expertise and 20 person-months of national expertise.

The selection and engagement of all consulting services will be in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time). Consultants will be recruited as individuals

with the International Agriculture Development Planner being designated as the Team Leader.

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B. City Region Development Project

TA No. : 7231
Project No. : 39298- 01
Executing Agency : **Khulna City Corporation**
Dhaka City Corporation
Local Government Engineering Department
Amount (US \$ million) : 1.4
Sector : **Multisector**

Procurement

Consulting Services: The estimate requirement of consulting services is 34 person-months of international consultants and 42 person-months of national consultants. The required expertise includes urban planning, regional development, municipal governance, municipal infrastructure, economic and financial analysis, environmental and social safeguard, and energy audit. Most of the consultants will be engaged from a firm using the full technical proposal procedures based on quality- and cost-based selection method, in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time).

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CAMBODIA

Capacity Development for National Economic Policy Analysis and Development Management, Phase III

TA No. : 7226
Project No. : 42356- 01
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Kingdom of Cambodia

Amount (US \$ million) : 0.65
Sector : **Law, Economic Management and Public Policy**

Impact: Improve the quality, sustainability, and speed of economic reform

Procurement

Consulting Services: One (1) International Economic Policy Advisor will be recruited for 6 person-months of consultancy inputs (performing on intermittent basis over 36 months) including training, provision of supervision and guidance, and advice to the technical and senior staff of SNEC on macroeconomic issues, and other policy related matters. Six (6) National Consultants (performing on need and intermittent basis over 36 months) for: macroeconomics, monetary and fiscal policy, agriculture and rural development, infrastructure development, trade and regional integration, and private sector development.

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Cambodia Resident Mission

CHINA

A. Fiscal Policy Support for Economic Development in Henan

TA No. : 7192
Project No. : 42002- 01
Executing Agency : Henan Finance Bureau
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.4
Sector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Impact: The impact of the technical assistance (TA) is improved economic performance of Henan Province, relative to the national average, grounded in a better understanding of key fiscal constraints to inclusive and sustainable growth.

Procurement

Consulting Services: The TA will recruit an International Fiscal Management Expert (3 person-months) and National Fiscal Policy/Development Experts (duration of engagement in person-months is still being determined). The consultants will be selected and engaged on an individual basis in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

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PRC Resident Mission

B. Promoting A More Inclusive and Effective Disaster Risk Management System

TA No. : 7203
Project No. : 42357- 01
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.65
Sector : Multisector

Outcome: A more responsive, efficient, and effective disaster risk management system in the People's Republic of China

Procurement

Consulting Services: A team of international consultants in association with national consultants will be hired by ADB through quality and cost-based selection (in a ratio of 80:20) using simplified technical proposal procedures according to ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time). The TA will require about 12 person-months of international and about 15 person-months of national consulting services. The international and national consultants will have expertise in the following fields of disaster risk management: (i) concept, organization and institutional arrangements, design, and implementation; (ii) logistics, management information and communication systems, and technical issues; (iii) legal and legislative aspect; (iv) capacity building; and (v) implementation of pilot projects in disaster risk management.

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INDIA

A. Agribusiness Infrastructure Development Investment Program (Phase 2)

TA No. : 7195
Project No. : 37091- 02
Amount (US \$ million) : 1
Sector : Agriculture and Natural Resources

Procurement

Consulting Services: Consultants' inputs will amount to 30 person-months (pm), 28 national and 2 international, for 2 dedicated teams for each state, consisting mainly of the following specialists: Agricultural Supply Chain Expert (6 pm); Infrastructure Specialists (Agricultural, Logistics, and Industrial Infrastructure) 7 pm; Cold Chain Expert (2 pm; Master Planner (2 pm); Project Finance/PPP (4pm); Legal/PPP Contracts Expert (3 pm); (viii) Social Development Specialist (2 pm); (ix) Environmentalist (2 pm). The technical assistance (TA) will finance the services of consultants who will be engaged through a firm by ADB in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

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B. Dedicated Freight Corridor Project

TA No. : 7207
Project No. : 42147- 01
Executing Agency : Ministry of Railways
Amount (US \$ million) : 1.5
Sector : Transport and Communications

Procurement

Consulting Services: An international consulting firm, currently engaged for feasibility studies of selected railway projects under TA 4998, will be recruited on the single source selection basis for the similar tasks currently undertaken by the firm, providing a team with expertise in railway engineering, and economic and financial analysis. Individual consultants will be newly recruited under the proposed technical assistance (TA) to carry out studies of: (i) efficiency improvement measures, (ii) social and poverty impact assessment, (iii) resettlement analyses, and (iv) environment assessment.

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C. Bihar State Highways II Project

TA No. : 7198 (PPTA)
Project No. : 41629- 02
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.7
Sector : Transport and Communications

Procurement

Consulting Services: The project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) will be carried out by: (i) a firm of consultants consisting of experts in highway engineering, road and bridge design, engineering survey, geotechnical engineering, transport economics, contract management, and road safety; and (ii) individual consultants in the field of: (a) social impact assessment (3 person-months), (b) resettlement and rehabilitation (6 person-months) and (c) environmental assessment (6 person-months).

The consulting service will be completed within 7 months from May 2009 to November 2009. The

consultant team of the consulting firm will include: (i) approximately 8 person-month international input by a Team Leader/Senior Highway Engineer, a Transport Economist and a Contract/Procurement Specialist and (ii) approximately 22 person-month national input by a Senior Highway Engineer/Deputy Team Leader, a Road Design Engineer, a Bridge Design Engineer, a Geotechnical Engineer, a Quantity Surveyor Expert, a Road Safety Specialist, a Traffic Engineer, and a Contract/Procurement Specialists as well as associated technical support staff.

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LAOS

Capacity Strengthening for Enhancing Aid Effectiveness

TA No. : 7193
Project No. : 41653- 01
Executing Agency : Department of International Cooperation
Mr Somchith Inthamith
Luangprabang Rd. Ministry of Planning and Investment Vientiane,
Lao PDR

Amount (US \$ million) : 0.6
Sector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Outcome: The Government exercising effective leadership in coordinating aid

Outputs: (i) a further strengthened RTP coordination process, and in particular the infrastructure and macroeconomics and private sectors; (ii) enhanced capacity of DIC units in managing aid at one to three selected provinces; and (iii) strengthened capacity of the SWG secretariats and line ministries to coordinate policy and program approaches in the infrastructure sector and the macroeconomics and private sector.

Procurement

Consulting Services: Consulting Services to achieve technical assistance (TA) outcomes a firm will be recruited, following the quality- and cost-based selection method after submission of a simplified technical proposal, to provide 10 person-months of international and 24 person-months of national consulting services in the form of: (i) 1 international aid-effectiveness expert and team leader (8 person-months intermittently); (ii) 1 national aid management expert and deputy team leader (14 person-months intermittently); and (iii) 1 national capacity development expert (8 person-months intermittently). In addition, a number of resource persons (in total 2 person-months of international consultants and 2 person-months of national consultants) will be engaged to support capacity building and training, support preparation of discussion papers on key emerging issues, and discuss findings at forums, seminars, and workshops. The consultant firm will be engaged by ADB in accordance with Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time). Selection of the consultant firm will be done by a committee with representatives from ADB and the Government.

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MICRONESIA

Strengthening Public Sector Performance

TA No. : 7213
Project No. : 41579- 01
Executing Agency : Office of Stat., Bud & Eco Mgt, ODA and Compact Mgt
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.75
Sector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Impact: Support the implementation of the strategic development plan and its goal of economic self-sufficiency

The strategic development plan for Micronesia is a plan running through to 2023. However, neither the national government nor the state governments currently possess the systems, planning or management capability to manage the economy towards the objectives in the strategic plan. In all cases, State and National governments are running balanced or deficit budgets without making sufficient provision for meeting strategic plan objectives in the long run. In short, they are managing year to year. Without developing and implementing surplus budgets, the governments of Micronesia will not be able to make adequate provision into the trust fund, established for the ongoing sustainability of government services posts 2023, or provide the necessary support to complement donor funds directed towards delivery of the strategic development plan objectives.

Procurement

Consulting Services: The technical assistance (TA) will finance up to 18 person-months of international and up to 40 person-months national consulting services. The proposed consultants will comprise: (i) public sector management specialist/team leader (international, 10 person-months intermittent); (ii) public sector training specialist (international, 3 person-months intermittent); (iii) governance specialist (international, 2 person-months intermittent); (iv) communications specialist (international, 1 person-month intermittent); (v) communications advisor (national, 6 person-months intermittent); and (vi) national adviser (national, 24 person-months, part-time). Unallocated international and national consultancy services (international specialist, 2 person-months, intermittent or further national advisers, 10 person-months, intermittent) may be required if determined during the design stage of the reform program. The consultants will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time) based on a simplified technical proposal under the quality- and cost-based selection method.

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NEPAL

Community Irrigation Project

TA No. : 7229
Project No. : 38417- 01
Executing Agency : Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.75
Sector : Agriculture and Natural Resources

Procurement

Consulting Services: Consulting services required for the technical assistance (TA) total 40.5 person-months, comprising 15 person-months of international consultants (irrigation management specialist/team leader, economist, irrigation engineer, poverty and social development specialist, and irrigated agriculture specialist) and 25.5 person-months of national consultants (irrigation engineer/deputy team leader,

institutional development specialist, poverty and social development specialist, social safeguards specialist, microfinance specialist, environment specialist, irrigated agriculture specialist, and finance/legal specialist). ADB will recruit an international consulting firm through quality- and cost-based selection. The consultants will be engaged by ADB in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time). Disbursements under the TA will be made in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2008, as amended from time to time). Equipment for the TA's activities will be financed by ADB in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2007, as amended from time to time) and will become property of the Government upon completion of the TA.

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PAKISTAN

A. Market Infrastructure Project

TA No. : 7218
Project No. : 41358- 01
Executing Agency : Government of Punjab
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.8
Sector : Agriculture and Natural Resources

Procurement

Consulting Services: To be determined

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B. Impact of Maternal and Child Health Private Expenditure on Poverty and Inequity

TA No. : 6515 (RETA)
Project No. : 41252- 01
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.626
Sector : Health, Nutrition, and Social Protection

Impact: The impact will be greater policy recognition of the role that out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) has on MNCH and poverty and insight into how DMCs and development partners can best respond to protect the poor.

Procurement

Consulting Services: To be determined

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REGIONAL

A. Support for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Financial Regulators Training Initiative

TA No. : 7234
Project No. : 40229- 01
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
Jiro Tsunoda

Amount (US \$ million) : 0.9
Sector : Finance

Procurement

Consulting Services: Individual consultants: Financial Sector Supervision Training Expert (international, 9 person-months); Independent Evaluator (international, 2 person-months); Editor (international, 2 person-months); Project Specialist (national, 12 person-months); Coordinating Expert (national, 12 person-months)

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B. Strengthening the Implementation of the Asian Development Fund Grant Framework in ADB's Developing Member Countries

TA No. : 7232
Project No. : 39287- 01
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.4
Sector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Procurement

Consulting Services:

- National Consultant for the PBA Policy and ADF Grant Framework Workshops and Debt Management Trainings (300 person-days)
- International Consultants to Improve Debt Management in Selected Developing Member Country (6 person-months)
- Resource Persons for Improved Debt Management and Analytical Skills (60 person-days, including preparation) Responsible ADB Officer

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C. Enterprise Development and the Challenge of Inclusive Growth

TA No. : 6520 (RETA)
Project No. : 42126- 01
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
Rana Hasan
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.5
Sector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Impact: Industrial policies and strategies used to promote small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and education/skills development initiatives are able to significantly increasing employment prospects and earnings of the typical worker.

Procurement

Consulting Services: To be determined

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D. Promoting Inclusive Growth through Business Development at the Base of the Pyramid

TA No. : 6518 (RETA)
Project No. : 41258- 01
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.65
Sector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Procurement

Consulting Services: To be determined

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E. Regional Stocktaking and Mapping of Disaster Risk Reduction Interventions for Asia and the Pacific (formerly Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response)

TA No. : 6511 (RETA)
Project No. : 40353- 01
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.4
Sector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Impact: The expected impact of the regional technical assistance (RETA) will be the coordinated support to regional stakeholders in the disaster risk reduction (DRR) efforts of national governments and a more coherent approach to cross-border and regional DRR challenges.

Procurement

Consulting Services: The Project will require approximately 22 person-months of international individual consultants for: (i) web-based database management, (ii) geographical information system (GIS) and map development, (iii) coordination and knowledge networking with experience in GIS and disaster risk reduction (DRR), and (iv) information and knowledge management with data analysis and DRR skills.

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F. Climate Impacts and Responses: A Multimedia Campaign Project

TA No. : 6524
Project No. : 43057- 01
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.45
Sector : Multisector

Impact: Help raise the profile of and heighten the level of discourse about climate change risks and responses in Asia and the Pacific; enable ADB replicate and scale up successful activities

Procurement

Consulting Services: Not required

Responsible ADB Department: Department of External Relations

G. Establishment of the Pacific Infrastructure Advisory Center

TA No. : 6522
Project No. : 42499- 01
Amount (US \$ million) : 1.8
Sector : Multisector

Impact: The expected impact will be to assist Pacific Island countries (PICs) to plan and implement appropriate and sustainable infrastructure and services that support achievement of national development goals.

Procurement

Consulting Services: ADB will recruit a core team of two international consultants (up to 36 person-months) and two national consultants (up to 36 person-months) to support the initial identification, procurement and mobilization of the technical assistance.

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Pacific Operations Division

TAJIKISTAN

Cotton Processing and Market Development Project

TA No. : 7236
Project No. : 43082- 01
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.225
Sector : Agriculture and Natural Resources

Procurement

Consulting Services: International experts (Agribusiness Specialist, 5 person-months (pm); Economist, 1.5 pm; Procurement Specialist, 0.5 pm; and Agriculture Sector Specialist, 1 pm).

National experts (Lawyer for business and farmer legal structure and services, 5 person-months (pm); Agribusiness Specialist, 5 pm; Cotton Sector Specialist, 5 pm; Social Development Specialist, 2.5 pm; Environmental specialist, 1.5 pm; and Finance and Accounting Specialist, 2 pm)

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IV. GRANT-FINANCED PROJECTS

AFGHANISTAN

A. MFF - Road Network Development Investment Program Project 1

Grant No. : 135
Project No. : 42095- 02
Executing Agency : **Ministry of Public Works (MPW)**
Wali M. Rasooli, Deputy Minister
1st Macrorayan Kabul, Afghanistan

Amount (US \$ million) : 60
Sector : **Transport and Communications**

Project Rationale: The Program addresses difficulties experienced in several ongoing road improvement projects, particularly those financed by ADB and are critical for the success of the MPW Strategy. One of the main difficulties faced by these projects is rising costs, which have become commonplace in Afghanistan because of increasing insurgency and rapid escalation of global prices of materials. For the same reasons, the government has experienced budget shortfalls, and is unable to provide bridge funding at present. Moreover, reports suggest that inadequate engagement of local communities and enterprises in past projects has contributed in part to the insurgent threats. Therefore, the Program includes two special features. One is to provide supplementary financing for projects that experience funding gaps due only to changes in contract price and/or financing plan. The first tranche of the facility will finance the shortfalls in the works contracts financed from two previous ADB loans.

Outcome: Improved road transport services in the project areas; reduced transport costs and travel time on the project road; rural population with better access to social services, markets, and other economic opportunities; enhanced project management capability of Ministry of Public Works.

Outputs:

- Improvement national highway sections from Mazar-e-Sharif to Dara-I-Suf
- Cross-border facilities at Hairatan and Spin Boldak
- Improved of public awareness about HIV/AIDS;
- Improved national highway sections from Bamian to Yakawlung
- Improved primary road section from Andkhoy to Qaisar
- Primary roads equipped with facility for road tolling and axle-load control
- Experienced Project managers, accountants, engineers, and other administrative staff within MPW in implementing large investment projects

Procurement

Consulting Services: Consulting Services for supervision of works, capacity development, institutional reform and project management will be procured according to ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (April 2007, as amended from time to time) using the quality and cost or cost based system.

Civil Works/Goods: Works in a Project may include: (i) construction, rehabilitation, and repair of roads of road-related infrastructure; and/or (ii) performance-based maintenance of roads for up to five years using international competitive bidding or national competitive bidding according to ADB's Procurement Guidelines (April 2007, as amended from time to time). Equipment costing up to \$100,000 will be procured using shopping procedures acceptable to ADB.

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B. MFF - Road Network Development Investment Program (Facility Concept)

Grant No. : 25
Project No. : 42095- 02
Executing Agency : **Ministry of Public Works (MPW)**
Wali M. Rasooli, Deputy Minister
1st Macrorayan Kabul, Afghanistan

Amount (US \$ million) : 400
Sector : **Transport and Communications**

Project Rationale: The Program is an integral part of the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) Strategy, of the Afghanistan National Development Strategy. It has been designed following a thorough analysis of the problems, which has revealed deficiencies in two key areas - technical and operational (physical) and asset management (nonphysical). Accordingly, the Program will help Afghanistan implement the MPW Strategy by financing parts of the planned 'physical' and 'non-physical' investments from an ADB multitranche financing facility (Facility).

Impact: The physical and non-physical investments under the Program would reduce disparity in incomes and poverty among the provinces, and increase national and regional integration. Roads will also contribute indirectly to stability and security in the remotes part of the country.

Outcome: The expected project outcomes are:

- (i) timely and adequate control of epidemics that are likely to have a major impact on public health and the economy in the region;
- (ii) improved coverage of prevention and care of communicable disease in vulnerable populations; and
- (iii) improved know-how, policies, standards, and coordination among countries to improve CDC including for HIV/AIDS through intergovernmental cooperation.

Outputs:

- Component 1: Strengthening National Surveillance and Response System
Comprehensive national surveillance and response systems, including institutional structures; preparedness; surveillance and response; laboratory services--- nationwide
- Component 2: Improving CDC for Vulnerable Groups
Expanded and integrated CDC for vulnerable groups in 5 provinces in Cambodia
- Component 3: Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Communicable Disease Control
Productive regional coordination for CDC through capacity building of MOH, regional policy dialogue, support for regional institutions in operations research for HIV/AIDS control and other fields in support of this dialogue, and project management.

Procurement

Consulting Services: Consulting services for supervision of works, capacity development, institutional reform and project management will be procured according to ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (April 2007, as amended from time to time) using the quality and cost and cost based system.

Civil Works/Goods: Works in a Project may include: (i) construction, rehabilitation, and repair of roads or road-related infrastructure; and/or (ii) performance-based maintenance of roads for up to five years using international competitive bidding or national competitive bidding according to ADB's Procurement Guidelines (April 2007, as amended from time to time). Equipment costing up to \$100,000 will be procured using shopping procedures acceptable to ADB.

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BANGLADESH

Developing Inclusive Insurance Sector Project

Grant No. : 9129
Project No. : 41671- 02
Executing Agency : Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)
Amount (US \$ million) : 2
Sector : Multisector

Impact: The impact of the proposed intervention is to reduce the vulnerability of the poor to financial loss of productive assets, damage to property) as well as physical (illness, injury, etc.) downturns through access to reliable and affordable institutional insurance services.

Outcome: (i) increased awareness among policy makers of inclusive insurance services as a effective instrument for livelihood improvement for the poor; and (ii) development of conducive framework and financial infrastructure for the promotion of micro-insurance sector, and (iii) initiation of micro-insurance business by private insurance companies and microfinance institutions (MFIs) with innovative products and delivery models

Outputs: (i) Policy and Legal Review; (ii) Sector Assessment; and (iii) Pilot Micro-insurance Scheme

Procurement

Consulting Services: To be determined

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LAOS

Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project

Grant No. : 143
Project No. : 36339- 02
Executing Agency : Ministry of Public Works and Transport
Mr. Khamthavy Thaiphachanh, Acting Dir General
Department of Housing and Urban Planning Vientiane, Lao PDR
Amount (US \$ million) : 28.8
Sector : Water Supply, Sanitation and Waste Management

Project Rationale: The importance of developing water supply and sanitation in small towns is increasing as: (i) residents in small towns spend considerable time, energy, and financial resources acquiring their daily water needs, and (ii) inadequate water supply and poor environmental conditions in the small towns also deter socio-economic development and restrict the ability of small towns to serve as key administrative and economic centers supporting their surrounding rural areas.

Impact: The impact of the proposed project is the improved quality of life of small town residents in Lao PDR and enhanced role of the small towns as economic, market, services, and manufacturing centers for their surrounding rural areas.

Outcome: The outcome of the proposed project is the improved access, quality and reliability of water supply and sanitation services in small towns throughout Lao PDR.

Outputs: The proposed project has five integrated outputs:

- Output 1: Strengthened Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sector
- Output 2: Developed and Strengthened Water Supply Systems
- Output 3: Improved Drainage and Public Sanitation
- Output 4: Enhanced Community Action and Participation
- Output 5: Enhanced Gender Equity in Urban Water Supply and Sanitation
- Output 6: Improved Capacity for Project Implementation and Operations and Maintenance

Procurement

Consulting Services: A total of 859 person-months of consulting services (124 person-months international and 735 person-months national) will be required to support implementation of the Project through project management, feasibility studies, design construction, and supervision of water supply and sanitation infrastructure, preparation of social assessments with information on poverty, gender and ethnic groups, financial management, institutional and human resources development, social and community development, health and hygiene, involuntary resettlement and environmental safeguards, and project performance management and evaluation. The consultants will deliver on-the-job training and capacity development assistance to the PCU and PIUs. They will also provide services for: (i) topographical surveys for feasibility studies and design; (ii) water quality testing for feasibility, design, and monitoring during construction; (iii) geotechnical investigations and soil testing for feasibility studies and design; (iv) survey and clearance of unexploded ordnance; and (v) groundwater surveys, if necessary, to include drilling and pump tests. Consulting services will be engaged through a firm in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time) through the quality- and cost-based selection (QCBS) method. The weighting will follow the standard quality-cost ratio of 80:20. The PCU will recruit the consultant team, which will include international and national consultants led by a team leader. The consultant team will report to the PCU.

Civil Works/Goods: All procurement to be financed under the ADB grant will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2007, as amended from time to time). International competitive bidding (ICB) procedures will be used for major civil works contracts estimated to cost over \$1 million, and for supply contracts valued at over \$500,000. Procurement of civil works valued at less than \$1 million equivalent will be undertaken through national competitive bidding. Modifications and clarifications that need to be made to the Recipient's national competitive bidding procedures must be agreed on by ADB and the Recipient. Shopping procedures will be followed for materials and equipment packages or works estimated to cost less than \$100,000 equivalent. ADB shopping procedures will be used for the small village civil works and supply contracts, and for awareness activities and equipment under the community action and participation program. To the extent possible, quotations will be invited from at least three suppliers or contractors for local procurement. The Project Coordination Unit (PCU) will carry out procurement for outputs 1, 2 and 5, and the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) will be responsible for that for outputs 3 and 4. Installation of water meters and service connections will be carried out by the construction contractor under the main water supply construction contract for each subproject town. The district Lao Women's Union (LWU) will be contracted to implement the community information and participation program, following a capacity assessment in each subproject town through single source selection. This is justified based on: (i) the LWU is the only organization with a sustained local presence in the project districts, and has a history of working with local communities and participatory development, ensuring local continuity; and (ii) the cost of each assignment is less than \$100,000.

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TUVALU

Improved Financial Management Program

Grant No. : 139
Project No. : 41180- 02
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
Amount (US \$ million) : 3.24
Sector/Subsector : Law, Economic Management and Public Policy

Project rationale: The Tuvalu 2008-2010 Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) is underpinned by the 2006 joint development strategy between ADB and the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and the subsequent Performance Benchmark Indicators (PBIs) formulated as a joint effort between the Government, ADB, AusAID and the New Zealand International Aid and Development Agency (NZAID) to promote improved public financial management. Tuvalu's national plan (Te Kakeega II) denotes the paramount goals of sustainable budgets and the effective use of resources to achieve public policy priorities, attainment of education and health objectives. The Government of Tuvalu (GOT) recognizes the need for correction in fiscal management and has adopted, in close coordination and consultation with the Board of the Tuvalu Trust Fund (TTF) and the development partners, a road map for greater fiscal control based on the PBIs. The PBIs adopted by the Government and agreed with ADB, AusAID, and NZAID are aimed at ensuring: (i) prudent recurrent fiscal expenditures; (ii) maintenance of fiscal reserves; (iii) prudent debt management; (iv) prioritized basic education; and, (iv) improved primary health care and access. Each indicator has specific and measurable targets, which are regularly updated and linked to the objectives of the Te Kakeega II. In accordance with the CPS ADB has aligned its commitment to Te Kakeega II through a focus on improved public expenditure and financial management.

Impact: The intended impact of the Program is sustained economic growth and fiscal stability as prioritized in Tuvalu's national plan objectives.

Outcome: The expected technical assistance (TA) outcome is improved government fiscal planning and management capacity. The achievement of the expected outcome will be reflected in government's capacity to align the budget with medium term fiscal objectives, to monitor financial support to, and performance of, public enterprises against a clear Public Enterprise Strategic Governance Policy and Plan and associated Public Corporations Act. The TA will also specifically support government in its achievement of tranche release conditions for the grant for the improved financial management program.

Procurement

Consulting Services: Not required

Civil Works/Goods: The proceeds of the Program Grant will be disbursed against a broad range of imports, subject to a negative list. Eligible imports incurred up to 180 days prior to grant effectiveness may be reimbursed from the proceeds of the grant.

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