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I. PROJECT LIST BY SECTOR

Country	Projects	ADB Assistance
Note: Click on the project title for full details.		
AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCES SECTOR		
India	Climate Adaptation in Vennar Subbasin in Cauvery Delta Project	Loan
India	Agribusiness Infrastructure Development Investment Program - Tranche 4	Proposed loan
India	Agribusiness Infrastructure Development Investment Program - Tranche 3	Proposed loan
Afghanistan	Supporting Natural Resources Operations	Technical Assistance (TA)
ENERGY SECTOR		
Nepal	Hydroelectricity Financing Facility	Proposed loan
China	National Biomass Heat Supply Development Strategy	TA
Indonesia	Strengthening Verification in Results-Based Programs in Indonesia's Power Sector (Subproject 8)	TA
ENVIRONMENT SECTOR		
HEALTH SECTOR		
Regional	Strengthening Developing Member Countries' Capacity in Elderly Care	TA
INDUSTRY, FINANCE, and OTHER SECTORS		
Tonga	Building Macroeconomic Resilience Subprogram 1	Loan
China	Guangxi Regional Cooperation and Integration Promotion Investment Program	TA
Regional	Regional Evaluation Capacity Development II	TA
Solomon Islands	Economic Growth and Fiscal Reform Program	TA
China	Microfinance in Poverty-Stricken Counties	Assistance to Private Sector
TRANSPORTATION and COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR		
Solomon Islands	Sustainable Transport Infrastructure Improvement Program	Loan
Vietnam	Greater Mekong Subregion Ben Luc–Long Thanh Expressway Project – Tranche 2	Loan
China	Jiaozuo National Pilot Project for the Standardization of Public Employment Services	Loan
Indonesia	Sustainable Infrastructure Assistance Program - Improving Multimodal Connectivity to Support Integrated Land and Sea Tollway (Subproject 7)	TA
Indonesia	Sustainable Infrastructure Assistance Program - Strengthening Fiscal Risk Management of Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (Subproject 9)	TA
Papua New Guinea	Multipartner Financing Facility for the Highlands Highway	TA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECTOR		
India	Madhya Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Program	Proposed loan

II. LOAN

NOTE: Please click on the project title to access full project information.

INDIA

A. Climate Adaptation in Vennar Subbasin in Cauvery Delta Project

Loan No. : 3394
Project No. : 44429-013
Amount (US \$ million) : 100
Executing Agency : Water Resources Department, Public Works Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu
Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development
Subsector : Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development -
Irrigation

Responsible ADB Officer: Nishanthi Amerasinghe, South Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in June 7, 2016.

Project description: The Project will include structural works following new design guidelines that consider climate change impacts. More robust flood control structures will reduce the frequency and impact of flooding. The civil works include: (i) re-sectioning and embankment strengthening of main channels and coastal outfalls, (ii) construction of new and modernization of existing regulators, head sluices, bed dams and other minor structures, and (iii) upgrading of existing pumped irrigation schemes.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

Procurement plan: <http://www.adb.org/projects/documents/ind-climate-adaptation-vennar-subbasin-in-cauvery-delta-pp>

B. Agribusiness Infrastructure Development Investment Program - Tranche 4

Project No. : 37091-053 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 22.4
Sector : Agriculture and Natural Resources
Subsector : Agricultural production

Responsible ADB Officer: Ahsan Tayyab, South Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in January 2017.

Project details to be determined.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

C. Agribusiness Infrastructure Development Investment Program - Tranche 3

Project No. : 37091-043 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 15
Sector : Agriculture and Natural Resources
Subsector : Agricultural production

Responsible ADB Officer: Paolo Spantigati, South Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in 2016.

Project details to be determined.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

D. Madhya Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Program

Project No. : 42486-014 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 266
Executing Agency : Government of Madhya Pradesh
Sector : Water and other urban infrastructure and services
Subsector : Urban policy, institutional and capacity development - Urban sanitation - Urban sewerage - Urban solid waste management - Urban water supply

Responsible ADB Officer: Jingmin Huang, South Asia Department, Urban Development and Water Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in 2016.

Project description: The program will support a slice of the Government Program and will result in improved and sustainable urban services to approximately 2 million people in selected clusters of the State (geographic coverage), improved institutional and financial management capacity of benefitting urban local bodies (ULBs). The program will be implemented over six years, from 2016 through 2022.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: The results-based lending (RBL) program will exclude procurement of services that constitute high-value contracts and such activities will be excluded while defining the proposed RBL program scope.
- Procurement: All procurement under the proposed RBL program shall be carried out using country systems based on the commonly accepted good practice principles embodied in ADB's Procurement Guidelines and Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

E. Orissa Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Program - Project 2

Loan No. : 3265
Project No. : 38411-043
Amount (US \$ million) : 120
Executing Agency : Department of Water Resources, Gov't of Odisha
Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development
Subsector : Agricultural drainage - Agricultural production - Irrigation - Rural flood protection - Rural water policy, institutional and capacity development

Responsible ADB Officer: Cynthia Malvicini, South Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in June 30, 2016.

Project description: ADB and the Government of India are working together to make irrigation systems in the state of Odisha more productive, efficient and sustainable. The Orissa Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Program is improving irrigation systems in four northern river basins and a part of the Mahanadi River Delta in Odisha state. The program is renovating and extending irrigation systems; helping to form community water user associations that help manage local water resources; and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of government agencies that deal with water issues in the state. About 1.7 million people are benefiting from the program through the improvement of irrigation systems that serve 215,000 hectares of farm land. The reliable water supply obtained from improved irrigation systems is increasing the outputs of farmers; creating jobs in agriculture; improving nutrition; increasing incomes; and lowering poverty.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: Institutional strengthening and project management consultants engaged for Project 1 will continue for Project 2. Additional packages of consultants for Project 2 include (i) construction management and supervision, (ii) WUA strengthening, (iii) minor lift irrigation implementation, (iv) management information system development and implementation, (v) integrated water resources management advisory services, and (vi) resettlement plan implementation.
- Procurement: The procurement plan calls for 67 NCB packages for irrigation main, distributary and minor canal works and 12 packages for saline embankment restoration, and several goods packages for minor lift and management information system equipment. Subminor canal work and minor lift installation will be done by water users associations.

Procurement plan: <http://www.adb.org/projects/documents/orissa-integrated-irrigated-agriculture-and-water-management-investment-t2-pp>

NEPAL

Hydroelectricity Financing Facility

Project No. : 48360-001 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 400
Executing Agency : Hydroelectricity Investment & Dev't Company Ltd.
Sector : Energy; Finance
Subsector : Energy sector development and institutional reform; Infrastructure finance and investment funds

Responsible ADB Officer: Donald J. Lambert, South Asia Department, Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in 2016.

Description: Despite estimates for commercially exploitable hydropower resources of 44,000MW, Nepal's installed power generation capacity is only 720MW, 66% of peak demand. This leads to power shortages in the wet season and particularly in the dry season when hydroelectricity generation drops considerably.

Electricity shortages have material poverty implications. They disrupt businesses and other productive activities and discourage investment. They limit access to basic services such as light, heat, refrigeration, and communications and increase reliance on dirtier and often more expensive forms of energy. In the Nepalese context, they also exacerbate rural-urban income disparities as the former has much lower rates of electrification.

The causes for electricity shortages largely stem from an inadequate hydroelectricity policy framework, difficulties in constructing and operating large hydro-projects, and insufficient financial capital. With regards to the latter, the bond market is undeveloped and cannot meet the financing gap, and banks have insufficient capital to finance the typical hydro-project, face an asset-liability mismatch of short-term deposits funding long-term infrastructure, and have limited experience in managing the credit risks, particularly of small hydro-project whose risks are typically elevated.

The proposed facility is targeted at this capital shortage, through a financial intermediary (FI) line of credit to the Hydroelectricity Investment and Development Company Limited (HIDCL), a recently established institution that the government has promoted to alleviate the hydro-sector's capital shortages.

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** The technical assistance to HIDCL will follow ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013) and adopt quality- and cost-based selection procedures. A further four months of staff consultancy support will be required to review HIDCL's environmental and social safeguard system.
- **Procurement:** ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013) (as amended from time to time) will be followed. The line of credit will follow local laws for the awarding of hydropower licenses and concessions, but will additionally require that project sponsors meet minimum experience or financial requirements commensurate with the size of their respective project. SAPF will develop these requirements in coordination with OSFMD.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Sustainable Transport Infrastructure Improvement Program

Loan No. : 3392
TA No. : 9119
Project No. : 46499-002
Amount (US \$ million) : 13.8
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance and Treasury; Ministry of Infrastructure Development
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Road transport (non-urban) - Transport policies and institutional development - Urban roads and traffic management

Responsible ADB Officer: Sarosh Khan, Pacific Department, Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office in Sydney, Australia

Status: ADB Board will approve in 27 May 2016.

Project description: The project preparatory TA will conduct consultations with potential stakeholders and beneficiaries, while encouraging participations of vulnerable groups, in remote rural and urban areas, through workshops on the social and poverty assessment and the environmental assessment to gauge the effectiveness of the program to improve their quality of life.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

TONGA

Building Macroeconomic Resilience Subprogram 1

Loan No. : 3393
Grant No. : 0479
Project No. : 48361-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 13.8
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance and National Planning
Sector : Public sector management
Subsector : Economic affairs management - Public administration - Public expenditure and fiscal management - Reforms of state owned enterprises

Responsible ADB Officer: Johannes Wolff, Pacific Department, Urban, Social Development & Public Management Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in 30 May 2016.

Brief description: The Ministry of Finance and National Planning will be the executing agency. The ministries of public enterprises; commerce, tourism, and labor; and revenue services and customs; the National Emergency Management Office; and the Office of the Prime Minister will be the implementing agencies. The Budget Support Management Committee will oversee program implementation. It is chaired by the chief executive officer of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning and comprises all implementing agencies and major development partners including ADB. No separate program

management unit or procurement is envisaged. The program will be implemented from October 2014 to December 2017. The JPRM process and biannual development partner forum facilitate broad consultations on reform priorities, with the cabinet providing strategic guidance. Individual reform initiatives form part of existing sector strategies and will be discussed with private sector and civil society groups during program preparation and implementation.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

VIETNAM

Greater Mekong Subregion Ben Luc–Long Thanh Expressway Project – Tranche 2

Loan No. : 3391
Project No. : 41414-063
Amount (US \$ million) : 286
Executing Agency : Vietnam Expressway Corporation
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Urban roads and traffic management

Responsible ADB Officer: Valerie Lisack, Southeast Asia Department, Transport and Communications Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 20 May 2016.

Project description: The Project constructs a 57.1 km expressway between Ben Luc and Long Thanh in the south of Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), which is a short link of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Southern Economic Corridor. The project expressway is divided into a western section (21.14 km), a middle section (10.71 km), and an eastern section (25.25 km). For the expressway construction, ADB finances the western and eastern sections, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) finances the middle section. The project was estimated to cost \$1.608 billion at appraisal, inclusive of local taxes, contingencies, and financing charges during development. Tranche 2 in the amount of \$286 million will cover construction of the eastern section of the expressway.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

III. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

PLEASE NOTE: Please click on the project title to access full project information. Technical assistance (TA) is used to prepare and implement projects, and support advisory and regional activities of the bank. ADB is no longer issuing TA project alerts classified according to type, i.e., project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA), advisory technical assistance (ADTA), etc. If you want to know the specific TA classification, please contact our office or inquire directly with the bank.

AFGHANISTAN

Supporting Natural Resources Operations

TA No. : **7994**
Project No. : **44411-012**
Executing Agency : **Asian Development Bank**
Sector : **Agriculture, natural resources and rural development**
Subsector : **Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Irrigation - Land-based natural resources management - Water-based natural resources management**

Responsible ADB Officer: Hans Woldring, Central and West Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 11 May 2016.

Project description: As of 17 February 2011, ADB's ongoing Natural Resources Sector Portfolio in Afghanistan totals to \$218 million for four projects: (i) Western Basins Water Resources Management (co-finance by CIDA); (ii) Agriculture Market Infrastructure; (iii) Rural Business Support, and (iv) multi-tranche financing facility (MFF- tranche 1) for the Water Resources Development Investment Program (WRDIP) (co-financed by DFID). A JFPR community-based irrigation rehabilitation project was closed in June 2010 and another JFPR project expanded on the earlier project is currently being processed. These projects cover a considerable array of critical constraints within the natural resources sector, focusing on rehabilitation of irrigation system infrastructure, institutional reforms and capacity building, and improvement of rural services.

Project implementation, however, is often slow as a result of (i) the poor security situation, (ii) weak capacity of the implementing agencies (IAs), (iii) difficulties to recruit and retain qualified staff, within the IAs, contracted firms, and within ADB. Within the natural resources sector, the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW), the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) are IAs for the on-going natural resources projects. IAs do currently not have adequate capacity for the timely implementation of these projects. Project management offices were not able to recruit appropriate staff from the local market during 2010. Most technical and procurement related issues often remain unresolved for substantial time periods resulting in considerable implementation delays. This poses challenges to (i) delivering development impact, (ii) guarantee successful project implementation, and (iii) supervising project progress.

The proposed TA will employ a consultant for a total of 18 person-months (to be spread over a 2 year period). The TA's impact is to improve the capacity of IAs to implement natural resources projects, and help the Government to improve implementation efficiency in ADB's Agriculture and Natural Resources sector portfolio. The proposed outcome is an improved performance of ADB's natural resources portfolio, which would be reflected in (i) satisfactory ratings for active projects, (ii) achievement of contract award and disbursement projections, and (iii) due diligence of ADB's pipeline projects. The TA would also assist IAs in reviewing key project documents, including but not limited to (i) preparation of draft RFPs, (ii) preparation of procurement plans, (iii) bidding documents, (iv) bid evaluation, (v) contract negotiations

and (vi) subsequent contract administration. The consultant will be recruited by ADB and based in AFRM, and report directly to ADB.

The TA will also help ADB's AFRM to provide effective supervision of its natural resources portfolio, increased frequency of project reviews and timely identification and resolution of implementation issues. Currently there is only one National Officer at the Afghanistan Resident Mission (AFRM) involved full-time in supervision and administration of the considerable amount of natural resources projects currently implemented in Afghanistan. The TA will play a critical role to achieving natural resources development results in Afghanistan. The sector division and AFRM will continue to provide oversight, track progress, and maintain close liaison with the Government and coordination of donors.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: A total of 30 person-months of international and 24 person-months of national consulting services in project management, water resources engineering and management, and financial management will be required over a period of 24 months for the technical assistance (TA). Additional inputs of 3 person-months of national consulting services are also provided for specialists who have in-depth skills and knowledge to assist with the TA work program as identified and agreed during TA implementation. Qualified individual consultants will be recruited by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) following its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time).

CHINA

A. Guangxi Regional Cooperation and Integration Promotion Investment Program

TA No. : 9120
Project No. : 50050-001
Executing Agency : Guangxi Government Leading Group for Utilization of Foreign Loans
Sector : Industry and trade
Subsector : Small and medium enterprise development

Responsible ADB Officer: Rehan Kausar, Southeast Asia Department, Energy Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 16 May 2016.

Project description: The TA subproject supports PLN's broader program for the strengthening of the Sumatra grid with the RBL program covering both transmission and distribution. The TA subproject will support the overall program impact of enhancing the quality of life in Indonesian society, with the sustainable use of electricity acting as a key driver of increased economic activity. The outcome of the TA subproject is strengthening the monitoring and evaluation methodologies and capacity of PLN through the assistance of a third party independent verification agent.

B. Jiaozuo National Pilot Project for the Standardization of Public Employment Services

TA No. : 9114
Project No. : 49311-001
Executing Agency : Henan Finance Bureau
Sector : Information and communication technology; Public sector management
Subsector : ICT industries and ICT-enabled services; Social protection initiatives

Responsible ADB Officer: Asako Maruyama, East Asia Department, Urban and Social Sectors Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 13 May 2016.

Project Description: In 2012, the National Standardization Management Commission and 26 other central commissions, ministries, and agencies issued the Notification of Social Management and Public Service Standardization with a view to enhance service quality and public satisfaction, and equalize basic public services. The notification urged the National Standardization Management Commission, together with local governments and central ministries and agencies, to launch national standardization pilot projects in 11 social management and public service areas. Public employment services were one of the 11 areas in which Dalian, Jiaozuo, and Kunming public employment service agencies have been selected as national pilot projects.

Located in northwestern Henan Province, Jiaozuo is a prefectural-level municipality with a population of 3.68 million. This resource-exhausted municipality is currently undergoing critical development (industrialization, urbanization, agricultural modernization, and development of telecommunications infrastructure) as a provincial level economic transformation demonstration city. The equalization of basic public services is an urgent task as the demonstration city. Since 2014, the Labor Exchange Center of the Jiaozuo Municipal Bureau of Human Resources and Social Security has been implementing, in collaboration with the Henan Provincial Department of Human Resources and Social Security, a national pilot project for the standardization of public employment services to enhance quality and effectiveness of its services as well as those in 11 district and/or county centers, 102 township stations, and 1,826 village stations, which it supervises.

The TA will provide much needed support for the national pilot project in Jiaozuo to: (i) upgrade the existing standards and complete the whole set of standards for public employment services to be adopted at the national level; (ii) have the standards applied at the municipal, district/county, township, and village levels through training and development of IT platform for public employment services; and (iii) document and disseminate its experience and standards.

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** A total of 4 person-months of international and 57 person-months of national consulting services will be required to ensure the effective implementation of the technical assistance (TA). Three packages are proposed: (i) one consulting firm contract for 2 person-months of international and 11 person-months of national consultants; (ii) one consulting firm contract for 46 person-months of national consultants; and (iii) one international individual consultant for 2 person-months. All consultants will be engaged in accordance with the Asian Development Banks (ADB) Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

C. National Biomass Heat Supply Development Strategy

TA No. : 9112
Project No. : 49438-001
Executing Agency : National Energy Administration
Sector : Energy
Subsector : Renewable energy generation - biomass and waste

Responsible ADB Officer: Na Won Kim, East Asia Department, Energy Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 13 May 2016.

Project Description: The technical assistance (TA) aims to assist in developing a clear strategy, policy framework and specific measures to advance the commercialization of untapped biomass-based heat sources in the PRC. It will conduct an in-depth assessment of the current biomass-to-heat market in the People's Republic of China (PRC), in general; and will identify the different challenges and opportunities

for a successful commercialization faced by the entire chain of a biomass-to-heat system, in particular. The TA also includes the production of a sourcebook on biomass-to-heat commercialization to broaden the knowledge dissemination on worldwide biomass-to-heat technology advancement and valuable lessons from international experiences on biomass-to-heat markets and systems. International workshops, conferences, and technical trainings will provide opportunities for key stakeholders to gain hands-on learning experiences from international and domestic technical and policy experts on biomass-to-heat chains.

Based on all these elements, the TA will prepare a policy note that formulates the national strategy to advance biomass-to-heat commercialization in the PRC. This policy note will discuss broad policy objectives, realistic mid- and long-term targets of biomass share in the heating sector, and quantified greenhouse gas emissions reduction associated with these targets. It will also detail (i) the proposals of technical standards for various forms of biomass-based heat sources in commercialization; (ii) adequate subsidy schemes; (iii) biomass collection policies; (iv) environmental standards for various biomass-heat generation technologies and equipment; and (v) research and development as well as technology transfer support to advance biomass-to-heat technologies domestically.

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** The TA will engage a consulting firm consisting of four international consultants (5 person-months), and four national consultants (31 person-months) with expertise in biomass-to-heat policy, biogas and biomethane technology, gasification technology, biomass molding fuel boiler technology, waste management and policy research, and environmental engineering.
- The consulting firm will be engaged in accordance with Asian Development Bank's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013 as amended from time to time), using the quality- and cost-based selection method with a quality-cost ratio of 90:10 by requiring the submission of a simplified technical proposal covering all aspects of the terms of reference.

INDONESIA

A. Strengthening Verification in Results-Based Programs in Indonesia's Power Sector (Subproject 8)

TA No. : 9113
Project No. : 46380-016
Executing Agency : Perseroan PT. Perusahaan Listrik Negara
Sector : Energy
Subsector : Electricity transmission and distribution

Responsible ADB Officer: Yuebin Zhang, East Asia Department, Public Mgt, Financial Sector and Regional Coop Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 7 June 2016.

Project Description: The TA subproject supports PLN's broader program for the strengthening of the Sumatra grid with the RBL program covering both transmission and distribution. The TA subproject will support the overall program impact of enhancing the quality of life in Indonesian society, with the sustainable use of electricity acting as a key driver of increased economic activity. The outcome of the TA subproject is strengthening the monitoring and evaluation methodologies and capacity of PLN through the assistance of a third party independent verification agent.

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** A consulting firm (consultant) will be engaged using the quality and cost-based selection (QCBS) method with a technical and financial ratio of 90:10 on the basis of a biodata technical proposal. The consultant will provide independent results verification and

capacity building support to PLN (State Electricity Corporation) of Indonesia in the monitoring and evaluation of the results indicators and the disbursement-linked indicators (DLIs) under the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) results-based lending program (RBL) and World Bank's program for results program (PforR). Overall, the consultant will report to PLN and the ADB. The consultant's team will be supervised by an experienced team leader who will concurrently function as the team's senior power engineer. The consultant will ensure adequate consultations on each independent verification and capacity building-related deliverable in the form of one-on-one meetings, focus group meetings, or broad stakeholder consultations. In the event either the ADB and/or World Bank finance additional RBL and/or PforR programs during the consultant's engagement, the new programs will automatically be added to the scope of the consultant contract at no additional cost.

B. Sustainable Infrastructure Assistance Program - Improving Multimodal Connectivity to Support Integrated Land and Sea Tollway (Subproject 7)

TA No. : 9116
Project No. : 46380-015
Executing Agency : National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Multimodal logistics

Responsible ADB Officer: Kang Hang Leung, Southeast Asia Department, Transport and Communications Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 16 May 2016.

Description: The TA is designed to address the need to enhance the capacity of the government to implement the Sea Tollway concept. Specifically, the TA will: (i) complete port and network analysis of cargo movements along the Sea Tollway corridor; (ii) improve policy framework to support implementation of Sea Tollway; and (iii) develop an implementation plan and an investment project pipeline for the Sea Tollway.

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is seeking a consulting firm to undertake a Technical Assistance (TA) assignment which aims to strengthen government's capacity to develop detailed and timetabled implementation plans and policy actions to deliver maritime and multimodal transport connectivity infrastructure projects. The expansion of maritime transport services will reduce logistic costs through improved connectivity and transport efficiency. In this context, a strategic priority of Indonesia's Medium-term Development Plan (RPJMN) 2015-2019 is the development of a Sea Tollway - a concept to use maritime transport as a backbone, together with intermodal transportation, to create a well-integrated point-to-point, multimodal connectivity network to improve transportation efficiency and to support supply chains. The firm shall demonstrate extensive experience in transport sector multimodal planning and modeling with emphasis on the maritime sector in Indonesia.

C. Sustainable Infrastructure Assistance Program - Strengthening Fiscal Risk Management of Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (Subproject 9)

TA No. : 9109
Project No. : 46380-009
Executing Agency : Director General of Budget Financing & Risk Management
Sector : Public sector management
Subsector : Public administration

Responsible ADB Officer: Aziz Haydarov, Southeast Asia Department, Indonesia Resident Mission

Status: ADB Board approved on 6 May 2016.

Project Description: The Strengthening Fiscal Risk Management of Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery is the 9th subproject of TA Cluster Sustainable Infrastructure Assistance Program. The TA subproject will strengthen government capacity to manage fiscal risks due to acceleration of infrastructure delivery, by strengthening management of infrastructure related fiscal risks and providing efficient provision of government guarantees for infrastructure projects (GGIPs).

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** A consulting firm will be recruited under an indefinite delivery contract to provide capacity building and advisory support to Ministry of Finance (MOF) of Indonesia to strengthen management of fiscal risk related to infrastructure investments and to support provision of government guarantees for infrastructure projects (GGIP) delivered through the direct lending scheme, national strategic projects framework, and private participation in infrastructure (PPI). The firms' contract is estimated at \$0.85 million. Overall, the consultant firm will report to the MOF and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). On daily basis, the consultant firm will work directly with the Directorate of state financial risk management (DSFRM) of the MOFs Directorate general of financing and risk management (DGFRM). The consultant firms' team will be supervised by an experienced project manager. The consultant firm will ensure its team members have their own basic equipment and software (e.g., computers, office and internet software) and will ensure adequate consultations on each capacity building-related deliverable in the form of one-on-one meetings, focus group meetings, or broad stakeholder consultations. The capacity building outputs will be disclosed on the MOFs website. The MOF will provide information for developing project and/or case-based trainings envisaged below.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Multipartner Financing Facility for the Highlands Highway

TA No. : 9117
Project No. : 48444-001
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank; Department of Works and Transport
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Road transport (non-urban)

Responsible ADB Officer: David Hill, Pacific Department, Transport, Energy and Natural Resources Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 31 May 2016.

Project details to be determined.

REGIONAL

A. Regional Evaluation Capacity Development II

TA No. : To be determined
Project No. : 49330-001
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
Sector : Multisector
Subsector : ADB's corporate management, policy and strategy development

Responsible ADB Officer: Farzana Ahmed, Independent Evaluation Department (IED), Independent Evaluation Division 1

Status: ADB Board approved on 10 June 2016.

Project Description: The regional-capacity development technical assistance (R-CDTA) supports IED's ECD in selected countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, including the countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) and the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) program, through regional and country-level activities on strengthening monitoring and evaluation (M&E) capacity. The Pacific and South Asia regions and countries will be supported through a similar technical assistance (TA) from ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF).

At the regional level, the R-CDTA supports: (a) training and knowledge sharing activities on M&E and impact evaluation at the center of excellence in the People's Republic of China Ministry of Finance's Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute (AFDI), in Shanghai; (b) Regional Knowledge Synthesis Workshop; and (c) Hub training on preparing project completion reports/TA completion reports (PCRs/TCRs).

At the country level, the R-CDTA supports (a) on-the-job training (OJT) of DMC officials at IED on preparing evaluation reports and studies; (b) in country training on evaluation techniques for government officials engaged in M&E; and (iii) stock take and study of M&E systems in selected countries.

The R-CDTA will be implemented over a two year period (March 2016 to April 2018)

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: To be determined
- Procurement: To be determined

B. Strengthening Developing Member Countries' Capacity in Elderly Care

TA No. : 9111
Project No. : 49277-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 2.5
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
Sector : Education; Health; Public sector management; Water and other urban infrastructure and services
Subsector : Education sector development - social protection initiatives - Health insurance and subsidized health programs - Social protection initiatives - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development

Responsible ADB Officer: Wendy Walker, East Asia Department, Urban and Social Sectors Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 13 May 2016.

Project Description: Developing Member Countries (DMCs) commitment to develop elderly care services supported by ADB financing and knowledge work by 2020 intensified (MTR 2020, and Operational Plan for Health for 2015 to 2020). Old-age vulnerabilities in Asia and the Pacific through increasing social protection operations reduced (Social Protection Operational Plan for 2014 to 2020).

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services: A team of consulting services (130 person-months; 16 international and 114 national) will be engaged for the proposed project. The consultants' terms of references are in Appendix 3. The TA requires highly qualified international and national experts in the field of elderly care, including in assessment, planning, regulation, and financing. These experts will be required to demonstrate strong experience and familiarity with elderly care and sector policy development in Asia and globally. The consultants will be engaged according to ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Partnerships with centers of excellence on elderly care will be established after the inception of the TA. Proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in accordance with the Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).

IV. GRANT

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Economic Growth and Fiscal Reform Program

Grant No.	:	0478
Project No.	:	48479-001
Amount (US \$ million)	:	5
Executing Agency	:	Ministry of Finance and Treasury
Sector	:	Public sector management
Subsector	:	Economic affairs management - Public expenditure and fiscal management

Responsible ADB Officer: Hayden Everett, Pacific Department, Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office in Sydney, Australia

Status: ADB Board approved on 27 May 2016.

Project details yet to be determined.

V. ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE SECTOR

CHINA

Microfinance in Poverty-Stricken Counties

Project No. : 49432-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 50
Executing Agency : CFPA Microfinance Management
Sector : Finance
Subsector : Finance sector development

Responsible ADB Officer: Biao Huang, Private Sector Operations Department, Private Sector Financial Institutions Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 17 May 2016.

Project Description: ADB will provide a senior secured loan of up to \$50 million (or CNY equivalent) with a 3-year tenor to CFPA Microfinance Management (CFPAMM) in the PRC. The proposed loan will fund CFPAMM's microfinance operations in counties designated by central and local government as poverty stricken areas.

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