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THE WORLD BANK MONTHLY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

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Entries for Projects in the Pipeline are organized by region, country and economic sector. Entries preceded by (N) denote new listings; (R) indicates a revision or update from the previous month's listing. The portions of the entry that differ appear in italic type. A sample entry is included in the User's Guide, which begins on the next page.

SECTOR DEFINITIONS

Economic Management	Private Sector Development
Education	Public Sector Governance
Environment and Natural Resources Management	Rural Development
Energy and Mining (including Renewable Energy)	Social Development, Gender and Inclusion
Finance (including noncompulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings)	Social Protection
Health, Nutrition and Population	Transportation
Information and Communication	Urban Development
Law and Justice	Water and Sanitation

GUIDE TO THE WORLD BANK MONTHLY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

The *World Bank Monthly Operational Summary* reports on the status of projects in the World Bank's pipeline from the point of identification of investment opportunities to the signing of the loan, credit or grant agreement. On average, it takes about 18 months for the Bank to process a project from concept document to approval. After a financing agreement is signed, or a project removed from the program, its project entry is dropped.

Each issue of the summary contains a list of projects being reported for the first time as well as a list of projects for which financing agreements have been signed or that have been dropped from the current program.

By becoming familiar with the Bank's project cycle, which is summarized in the following paragraphs, consultants or suppliers of goods and works can gauge when the timing is right to pursue business opportunities with Bank borrowers. Each entry in the Monthly Operational Summary tells at what point in the cycle a particular project resides.

Project Cycle

During **IDENTIFICATION**, both the client government and the Bank are involved in analyzing development strategies for the country's economy as a whole and in identifying projects that support those strategies.

PREPARATION, the second stage of the cycle, is the responsibility of the client government. During preparation, the technical and institutional alternatives for achieving the objectives of a project are identified and discussed. Preparation usually requires feasibility studies followed by more detailed studies of the alternatives that promise to yield the most satisfactory results. An environmental assessment is usually carried out during this phase. (See below for more information on environmental assessment.)

In the preparation stage of the project cycle, clients often supplement their own efforts by hiring consultants to carry out a major part of the work. Contractors and suppliers of equipment and goods need to start making contacts with country officials during this stage.

Project **APPRAISAL**, the responsibility of the Bank, provides a comprehensive review of all aspects of the project (technical, institutional, economic and financial) and lays the foundation for implementing the project and evaluating it when completed. Conducted by Bank staff, project appraisal may be supplemented by individual experts. The preparation of the Project Appraisal Document concludes this stage.

During **NEGOTIATION**, discussions are held with the client government, and the agreements reached are written into the loan documents. Upon completion of negotiations, the project is presented to the Executive Directors for approval. After approval, the financing agreement is signed.

Project **IMPLEMENTATION** normally starts within a few months of project financing agreement signing. Countries, through their implementing agencies, have full responsibility for the design and execution of World Bank-financed pro-

jects, including the hiring of consultants and the procurement of goods and works. Contractors and suppliers, therefore, should contact appropriate officials of the implementing agency to express their interest in specific projects. They should obtain information on what goods and services will be needed and when and how to submit bids and proposals.

During implementation, consultants are often used to provide technical assistance and other project implementation support. Unlike contracts for goods and works, those for consulting services are not usually advertised. Therefore, consultants in particular should contact the responsible implementing agency early in the project preparation period to express their interest. Contracts for consulting services, as well as some for goods and works, may also be procured prior to loan/credit/grant approval. This is known as advance contracting.

The information contained in *The World Bank Monthly Operational Summary* is intended to enable companies to assess their interest in supplying Bank-financed projects. Further information should be requested from the country's project implementing agency. The likelihood of a timely response is greater if the queries are brief and to the point. When possible, travel to the country and direct contact with relevant agency officials is recommended.

Firms should contact the World Bank (preferably by fax) only if they are unable to obtain a response to their queries from the implementing agency. General information about business opportunities under Bank loans and credits may be obtained from the World Bank's Procurement Policy and Services Group (by e-mail at: rpost@worldbank.org).

Environmental Categories

The type, timing and scope of environmental analysis to be performed by Bank clients are to be confirmed when a given project is identified. Projects are assigned one of the following categories based upon the nature, magnitude and sensitivity of environmental issues:

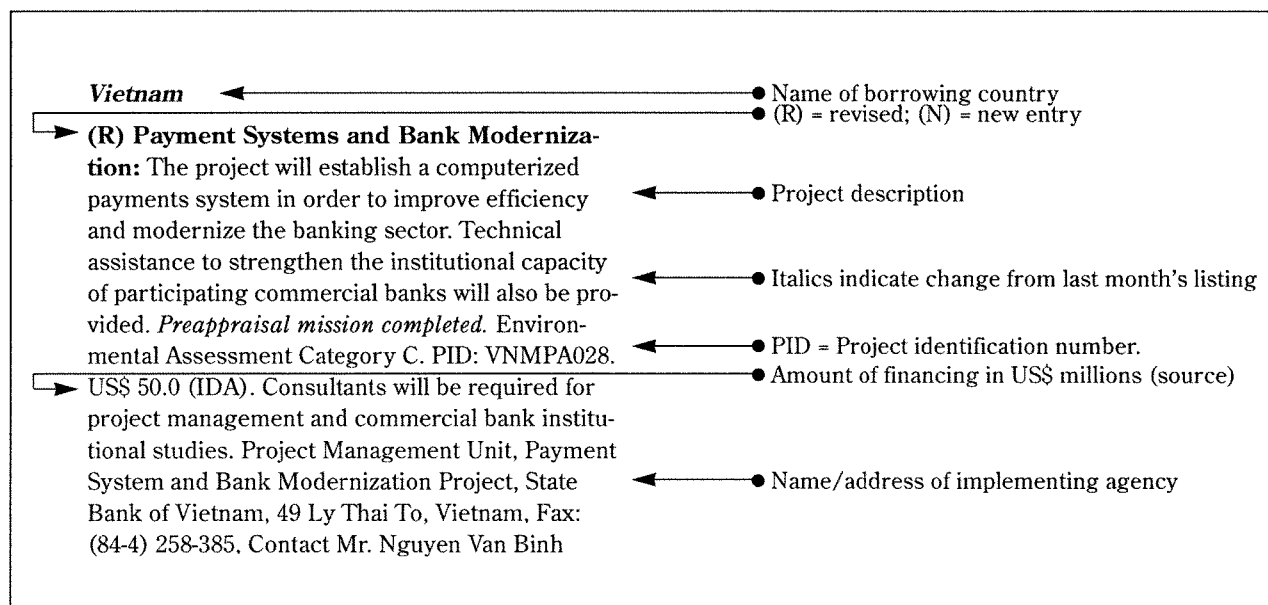
Category A: Environmental assessment is normally required, as the project may have adverse and significant environmental impacts.

Category B: More limited environmental analysis is appropriate, as the project may have specific environmental issues.

Category C: Environmental analysis is normally unnecessary. Projects added to the summary after July 1994 include the environmental category A, B or C, except in the case of financial intermediary loans, which are designated "FI," and structural adjustment loans and credits, which are not categorized. The absence of a category is shown by the letter "U".

Business opportunities arising from World Bank projects after they have been approved, including invitations to bid and to submit proposals on Bank projects and notices of contract awards, appear twice a month in *UN Development Business* and are also available via the internet at **UN Development Business Online** at www.devbusiness.com.

A typical summary entry looks like this:



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

In addition to projects financed by the World Bank, The World Bank Monthly Operational Summary reports on projects financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The GEF provides grants and concessional funding to recipient countries for projects and programs that protect the global environment and promote sustainable economic growth.

The facility, set up as a pilot program in 1991, was restructured and replenished with over US\$ 2 billion in 1994, and replenished with another US\$ 4 billion in 1998, to cover the agreed incremental costs of activities that benefit the global environment in four focal areas: climate change, biological diversity, international waters, and stratospheric ozone. Activities concerning land degradation, primarily desertification and deforestation, as they relate to the four focal areas, are also eligible for funding. Both the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity have designated the GEF as their funding mechanism on an interim basis.

GEF projects and programs are managed through three implementing agencies: the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Bank. The GEF Secretariat, which is functionally independent from the three implementing agencies, reports to and services the Council and Assembly of the GEF.

The GEF is striving for universal participation, and currently 168 countries are participants. Countries may be eligible for GEF

funds: (a) if they are eligible for financial assistance through the financial mechanism of either the Climate Change Convention or the Convention on Biological Diversity; or (b) if they are eligible to borrow from the World Bank (IBRD and/or IDA) or receive technical assistance grants from UNDP through a Country Programme. A country must be a party to the Climate Change Convention or the Convention of Biological Diversity to receive funds from the GEF in the relevant focal area.

GEF projects must be country-driven, incorporate consultation with local communities and, where appropriate, involve non-governmental organizations in project implementation.

For additional information on the GEF, contact the GEF secretariat or visit its site on the World Wide Web at: wbln0018.worldbank.org/essd/geo.nsf/home?OpenView

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Ghana: Land Administration (Cr. 3817-GH)

Mauritania: Second Mining Sector Capacity Building (Cr. 3810-MAU)

Niger: Basic Education (Cr. 3812-NIR, H060-NIR)

East Asia and Pacific Region

Cambodia: (R) Provincial and Peri-Urban Water and Sanitation (Cr. 3746-KH, H034-KH)

China: Tianjin Urban Development and Environment II (Ln. 4695-CHA)

Indonesia: Housing Microfinance

Vietnam: Primary Education for Disadvantaged Children (Cr. 3752-VN)

South Asia Region

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Middle East and North Africa Region

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Lebanon: Cultural Heritage and Urban Development (Ln. 7166-LE)

Latin America and the Caribbean Region

Argentina: Reform of Justice System

Brazil: Recife Urban Upgrading (Ln. 4690-BR)

Chile: Science for the Knowledge Economy (Ln. 7172-CH)

Peru: Programmatic Social Reform Technical Assistance

Africa

Angola

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Social Action Fund III (Cr. 3816-ANG): The objective of the project is to achieve improved, expanded and sustainable utilization of basic social and economic services and to support a governance system where local government and communities can gradually become mutually accountable. To reach the objective, the project will provide or rehabilitate social and economic infrastructure applying a community driven development approach that will build human and social capital within and among communities and external support agents such as local administrations and civil society organizations. *The credit was signed on 15 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81558. US\$ 55.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning, FAS National Coordination Unit, Largo de Palazio, Caixa Postal 1205, Luanda, Angola, Tel: (244-2) 330-191, Fax: (244-2) 333-835, E-mail: vhugo@fas.ebonet.net, Contact: Victor Hugo Guilherme

Law and Justice

(R) Economic Management Technical Assistance (Cr. 3744-ANG): (formerly under Public Sector Management) The objective of the project is to strengthen the ability of the key economic ministries to implement institutional and policy reforms that create an enabling environment for the private sector to flourish, building on reforms already under way as agreed with the International Monetary Fund. The project will support implementation of a Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper, which is being prepared. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 March 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 72205. US\$ 16.0 (IDA). A consultant has been engaged to assist in preparation of the PCD and Project Appraisal Document and participate in the appraisal mission. Further consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning, Luanda, Angola, Tel: (244-2) 391-825, E-mail: severim@snet.co.ao, Contact: Eduardo Severim de Morais, Deputy Planning Minister

Social Protection

(R) Emergency Demobilization and Reintegration (H027-ANG): (formerly under Public Sector Management) The objective of the project is to help foster reconciliation and consolidate peace in the Great Lakes region. Among the results that will help achieve this are: a) demobilization and reintegration into civilian life of some 85,000 UNITA and 33,000 FAA ex-combatants; b) reintegration assistance for newly demobilized ex-combatants entering that status in the near future; and c) reallocation of government expenditures from military to social and economic purposes. *The grant was signed on 5 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78288. US\$ 33.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Institute for the Socio-Professional Reintegration of Ex-Combatants, Av. Comandante Valodia 206, 100 Andar, Ed. da AP, Luanda, Angola, Tel: (244-2) 448-365, Fax: (244-2) 441-997, Contact: General Antonio Andrade, Director General

Benin

Law and Justice

(R) Poverty Reduction Support I: (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The objective of the project is to support the borrower's poverty reduction strategy through the budget process. Appraisal was scheduled for September 2003. *Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 72003.* US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, BP 302 Cotonou, Republic of Bénin, Tel: (229) 315-356, Fax: (229) 301-851, Contact: Assilamehoo Junior Emmanuel, Head, Technical Secretariat, National Committee for Development and Poverty Reduction

Burkina Faso

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Sector Development and Reform: (formerly under Power) The project will help the government enhance the efficiency of the energy sector, increase access of the population to modern sources of energy and improve the sustainability of energy resources. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69126. US\$ 70.5/2.8 (IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mines, 01 BP 644, Ouagadougou 01, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 300-248, 331-745, 436-727, Fax: (226) 217-542, Contact: Mr. Godefroy Thiombiano, Project Coordinator

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Sahel Integrated Lowland Ecosystem Management: The project will provide a GEF financial window to the IDA-funded Community-Based Rural Development Project and will fund incremental costs that will enable the base project to make significant contributions to local and global environment protection, which should maximize the sustainability of rural productivity growth. *Appraisal is scheduled for October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70871. US\$ 20.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Programme national de gestion des terroirs, 01 BP 1487, Ouagadougou 01, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 324-753, 324-754, Fax: (226) 317-410, Contact: Director General

Cameroon

Rural Development

Community Development Program: The objective of the project is to improve governance and participation at the local level and enable greater access to basic services and economic opportunities as decentralization of institutions is implemented. The program will be implemented in three phases, of which this project is the first. The project will focus on designing and implementing a decentralized and participatory financing mechanism that will empower rural communities and decentralized institutions to manage development funds in a transparent way and according to their own priorities. Negotiations are scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 73629. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning, MINPAT, Yaounde, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 221-088, E-mail: mm_nga@yahoo.fr, Contact: Marie-Madeleine Nga; Ministry of Agriculture, MINAGRI, Yaounde, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 223-441, E-mail: c_ananga@yahoo.com, Contact: Clementine Ananga

Chad

Education

Education Sector Reform (Cr. 3739-CD, H023-CD): The objective of the project is to build upon prior education projects and the existing government education strategy in support of broad sectoral programs that will result in increased enrollment rates, more equitable access to schools, better education quality and efficiency, stronger managerial capacity and the ability to expand the reform process to post-primary education. Approved by the Executive Directors on 18 March 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 527. US\$ 19.1/23.2 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 517-338, Fax: (235) 514-862, E-mail: dg.dadnadji@intnet.td, Contact: Djimarangar Dadnadji

Law and Justice

(R) Fifth Structural Adjustment (Cr. 3738-CD): (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The objective of the project is to support reforms that facilitate poverty reduction by means of: (a) enhanced transparency, accountability and adherence to the rule of law through the adoption and implementation of a governance strategy and action plan; (b) more transparent, accountable and efficient use of public resources for poverty reduction through reforms of the budget, pro-

urement and civil service systems; and (c) sustainable growth in rural areas through a major reform of the cotton sector and improved access to microfinance. Approved by the Executive Directors on 18 March 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 77781. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Planning Development and Cooperation, Tel: (235) 526-181, Fax: (235) 522-950, E-mail: habakhit@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Bakhit Hassan Adoum

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Services and Producer Organizations: (*formerly under Agriculture*) The objective of the project is to increase agricultural productivity and rural income while preserving the natural resource base. The project will finance productivity-raising interventions and promote the institutional and technical capacities of producers organizations, government institutions, private-sector operators and groups related to rural development. Negotiations were scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74266. US\$ 18.7 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministries of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment and Water, NDjamena, Tchad, Tel: (235) 523-763, 527-215, Fax: (235) 515-119. Contacts: Mr. M. Hassantay Oumar Chaib, General Manager, Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Ourde Aboubakar, National Project Coordinator; private service providers

Local Development Program: The objective of the project is to improve local governance and participation and provide broader access to basic services and economic opportunities as decentralization of institutions is implemented. The local development program will be implemented in three phases, of which this project is the first. The project will focus on designing and implementing a decentralized and participatory financing mechanism that will empower rural communities and decentralized institutions to manage development funds in a transparent way and according to their own priorities. Negotiations were scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 66998. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Promotion and Development, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 515-898, Contact: Mr. Mahamat Bachir, Vice Director-General; Celule Permanente de Suivi de la Table Ronde de GenOve IV, N'Djamena, Tchad, Tel: (235) 520-749, Contact: Mr. Baharadine

Comoros

Health, Nutrition and Population

(N) Social Fund III: The objective of the project is to address the incidence of poverty among the country's poorer communities through the replenishment of a social fund designed to (a) increase access to basic social services for the poorest; (b) stimulate economic activities at the community level; and (c) promote institutional development at the local level. Appraisal mission is scheduled for November 2003. Negotiations are scheduled for December 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84315. US\$ 22.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Fonds d'Appui au Développement Communautaire, Tel: (269) 732-882, E-mail: fadc@sntp.km, Contact: Mr. Mihidoir Sagaf

Congo, Democratic Republic of

Private Sector Development

Private Sector Development and Competitiveness (Cr. 3815-ZR): The objective of the project is to increase the competitiveness of the economy, and thereby contribute to economic growth. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71144. US\$ 120.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Mines and Hydrocarbons, Immeuble Gecamines, Blvd. du 30 Juin, Kinshasa - Gombe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243) 891-3897, Fax: (243) 139-2388, Contact: Pierre Kikuni Saïdo, General Secretary of Mines; Ministry of Transport, Economique et de Développement du Président, Tel: (243) 880-2857, Fax: (243) 880-2000, Contact: Mr. Faustin Luanga, Conseiller; Ministry of Telecommunications; Ministry of Energy

Côte d'Ivoire

Health, Nutrition and Population

HIV/AIDS Multi-sector Response: The project will support a multi-sector HIV/AIDS national program to reduce the spread of HIV infection among the general population with special focus on most vulnerable groups, and assist infected person and communities cope with the impact of HIV/AIDS. The project will finance a comprehensive public sector response that covers prevention, care, treatment, voluntary counseling and testing; community-based initiatives to prevent HIV/AIDS and provide support to mitigate the impact on infected persons and affected groups, especially orphans and vulnerable children, and; strengthen public, civil society and private institution capabilities in dealing effectively with HIV/AIDS. Appraisal mission was scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: CIPE71631. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry in Charge of HIV/AIDS (MSLS), 16 BP, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2124-3014, Fax: (225) 2021-0834, E-mail: anonbart@avison.ci, Contact: Dr. Anon Barthelemy, Directeur de la planification

Law and Justice

(R) Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction Program: (*formerly under Social Sector*) The objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of central and community-based agencies to deliver and be accountable for quality public service. It aims at transforming government into a supportive and accountable partner, actively fostering poverty reduction activities at all levels. Appraisal is contingent upon security clearance. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 55076. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required during preparation to put the key analytical and capacity building blocks in place. In the implementation phase, consultants will be required for program management, monitoring and evaluation. Secrétariat National a la Gouvernance et au Renforcement des Capacités, Cabinet du Premier Ministre, 01 BP 1533 Abidjan 01, Rue des jardins, 2 Plateau, République de Côte d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2241-0164, Fax: (225) 2022-1833, E-mail: mak@globeaccess.net, Contacts: Mme. Ginette Yoman, M. Marc-Antoine Koffi

Eritrea

Energy and Mining

(R) Power Distribution: (*formerly under Power*) The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and upgrade electricity distribution systems in Asmara and electrify certain rural areas. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for January 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57929. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Two consulting contracts will be required, one each for urban and rural work. Eritrean Electric Authority (EEA), Asmara, Eritrea, Tel/Fax: (291-1) 121-468, Contact: Mr. Abraham Woldemicael, General Manager

Law and Justice

(R) Community Development Program: (*formerly under Social Sector*) The project, *part of a seven-year APL*, aims at strengthening the capacities of local government and communities to expand and improve sustainable delivery of social and economic services. *Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for December 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 44675. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be needed for preparation and implementation. Eritrea Community Development Fund, Ministry of Local Government, PO Box 225, Asmara, Eritrea, Tel: (291-1) 117-634, 121-176, Fax: (291-1) 120-609, Contact: Mr. Kidane Tsegai, General Manager

Transportation

(R) Road Sector: The project, a first phase adaptable program loan, will aim at (a) building institutional capacity for engineering and financial management, materials testing and quality control; (b) rehabilitating, strengthening and upgrading priority roads, bridges and culverts; and (c) implementing a national road safety program. Appraisal mission is *tentatively* scheduled for March 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 50357. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Con-

sulting services for project preparation are being financed through a PPF. Infrastructure Department, Ministry of Public Works, PO Box 841, Asmara, Eritrea, Tel: (291-1) 122-477, Fax: (291-1) 120-661, Contact: Mr. Kidane Berhane, Director General

Ethiopia

Education

(R) Post-Secondary Education: The objective of the project is to expand/strengthen the country's post-secondary education system (tertiary and TVET) as key components of its national capacity building effort. The first phase of the program will likely concentrate on enhancing the quality of university teaching and research, including development of graduate programs, within the framework of each institution's strategic development plan. Quality enhancement of facilities and instructional tools will be accompanied by development of ICT infrastructure for teaching and administration. In addition to government's support for base funding of institutions, the project may employ a competitive development fund as the principal mechanism for fostering creative approaches to institutional development among the country's six universities. The project will provide support to the development of a sound TVET policy and will provide support to the development of training programs that are in accordance with the policy criteria. Appraisal mission is scheduled for February 2004. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, PO Box 1367, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 560-063, Fax: (251-1) 565-565, Contact: Dr. Teshome Yizengaw, Vice-Minister for Higher Education

Information and Communication

(R) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Assisted Development: The objective of this project is to assist rural and urban communities to have increased access to ICT assisted public and private services, and to use these services more effectively to improve their livelihood, increase their income, give them better access to markets and enable them to participate in local decision making. Appraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78458. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Capacity Building, PO Box 1082, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 537-312, E-mail: bekele@telecom.net.et, Contact: Ato Bekele Gebremedhin

Private Sector Development

(R) Private Sector Development Capacity Building: The objective of the project is to increase competitiveness by financing capacity building of private sector firms and associations, public sector institutions supporting or regulating private sector activities and public-private consultation mechanisms. Project preparation is under way. Board presentation is planned for FY04. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Trade and Industry, PO Box 704, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 518-025, Fax: (251-1) 514-288, Contact: Ato Tadesse Haile

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Service Delivery Capacity Building Program: (formerly under Public Sector Management) The objective of the program is to build capacity for improved public service delivery at the federal, regional, and local levels by implementing civil service reforms, deepening district-level decentralization, improving urban management, and reinvigorating judiciary institutions. It also seeks to enhance the supply response of training institutions and increase access to appropriate information and communication technologies that facilitate the efficient provision of capacity building. Project preparation is under way. Board presentation is planned for FY04. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74020. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Capacity Building, PO box 1082, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 564-778, Contact: Ato Tefera Waluwa

Rural Development

(R) Rural Capacity Building: The objective of the project is to increase the productivity and profitability of the agricultural sector through investments designed to raise the human capital of farmers and other people involved in agricultural and agri-business enterprises, and improve the effectiveness of agricultural technology institutions. Preappraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for late October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 150-110, Fax: (251-1) 512-984, E-mail: moavm@telecom.net.et, Contact: Belay Edjigu, Acting Minister; Ministry of Rural Development

Transportation

(R) Second Roads Sector Development Support Program Phase 1 (HO49-ET): The project will rehabilitate, upgrade and construct priority link roads, build implementation capacity, and help prepare woreda and village-level development activities, as well as Addis Ababa Urban Transport Studies. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003. The credit was signed on 20 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 44613. US\$ 127.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services for feasibility studies and engineering designs are being financed under existing projects. Ethiopia Roads Authority, PO Box 1770, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 156-603, Fax: (251-1) 514-866, Contact: Ato Tesfamichael Nahusenay, General Manager

Road Sector Development Support Program Phase 2 — APL 2: The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and upgrade priority link and regional roads and support the Rural Travel and Transport Program to prepare woreda and village-level development activities. Feasibility and environmental assessment studies and detailed engineering designs of selected roads were either completed or near completion under ongoing projects. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 173.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services for feasibility studies and engineering designs are being financed under existing projects. Additional services will be advertised. Ethiopia Roads Authority, PO Box 1770, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 156-603, Fax: (251-1) 514-866, Contact: Ato Tesfamichael Nahusenay, General Manager

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to improve institutional arrangements and capacity for planning, implementing and managing water supply and sanitation services and water resources management in a decentralized environment. Negotiations are scheduled for April 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 70.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Resources and Regional Water Bureaus, P.B. Box 5673, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 611-111, Fax: (251-1) 610-885, E-mail: waterprogram@telecom.net.et, Contact: Mesfin Tegene, Vice Minister

Gabon

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Forestry and Environment: The objective of the project is to increase sustainably the contribution of the natural resources management sector to the national economy, helping improve standards of living while ensuring sustainable management of natural resources and conservation of biodiversity. The project will encompass: (a) support of traditional activities such as forestry and fisheries; (b) assessment and development of new opportunities in the environment sector such as ecotourism, carbon-related activities, and production of non-wood forest products and (c) cross-sectoral activities such as institutional and legal frameworks, communication and information, research and training. Appraisal is scheduled for December 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 70196. US\$ 19.9 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Planning and Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Forestry and Environment, Tel: (241) 721-383, Fax: (241) 721-382, E-mail: pnae@inet.ga, Contact: Mr. Juste-L. Boussienguet, Coordinator CPSE

Gambia, The

Rural Development

(N) Community-Based Rural Development: The objective of the project is to mobilize and empower rural communities to undertake activities that enhance livelihoods and support social capital development, such as activities that increase agricultural productivity, diversify farm and off-farm income and build local capacity to manage development. Project Concept Note is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ghana

Education

Education Sector Development: The objective of the project is to strengthen the efficiency and management of the education sector and to ensure equitable access to quality education services. Appraisal is awaiting action on environmental and resettlement safeguards. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 50620. US\$ 65.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, PO Box M45, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 247-605, Fax: (233-21) 664-067, Contact: Mr. Ato Essuman, Director, FPMU

Finance

(R) Accountability and Capacity Building: (formerly under *Public Sector Management*) The project will continue to support the government in its efforts to enhance efficiency, accountability and transparency of the financial management functions of the government and to improve revenue generation. The project will build on the achievements of the first Public Financial Management Technical Assistance Project and other reform activities in the context of the Public Financial Management Reform Programme (PUFMAR) of the government. The project will include second-generation financial management reforms by addressing issues of economic governance. These activities will focus on improving transparency, accountability and participation in the area of economic management. To this end, the project will enhance the oversight functions of Parliament. It will also enable civil society to play a more proactive role in the economic management process. Appraisal mission is scheduled for December 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 69348. US\$ 55.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required for information technology, training, institutional development and capacity building. Ministry of Finance, PO Box M40, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 668-016, Fax: (233-21) 663-854, E-mail: pubmap1@ghana.com, Contact: Ms. Agatha Gaise-Nketsiah, Program Coordinator

Urban Development

Urban V, Phase 2: The purpose of the Adaptable Program Loan is to ensure the sustainable delivery of adequate urban infrastructure and services, particularly in under-served secondary towns. This will be achieved through local level capacity building and improvement of urban infrastructure and services in support of the government's decentralization program. The objective of the second phase is to strengthen and deepen the capacity building initiatives from Phase I and provide basic infrastructure for the participating DAs on a demand-driven and competitive basis. Appraisal mission is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA). Consulting services are required for preliminary engineering studies. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, PO Box M50, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 670-363/4, Contact: Mr. Godfrey Ewool

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water Restructuring: The project will improve efficiency and effectiveness of urban water services and provide safe and affordable water supply services to unserved, low-income urban areas. Appraisal mission is scheduled for May 2004. *Environmental Assessment Category C.* PID: 56256. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Three PPF advances totalling US\$ 1.7 have been provided for preparation. Consultants have been appointed. Ghana Water Sector Restructuring Secretariat, PO Box

M43, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 66-67-81, Fax: (233-21) 66-35-52, Contact: Mr. David Amoah, Coordinator

Guinea-Bissau

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Coastal and Biodiversity Management: The objective of the project is to promote appropriate and responsible natural resource management schemes that will address threats from ongoing and planned activities, most particularly industrial fisheries and offshore oil drilling, in an effort to conserve sustainably the country's unique coastal ecosystems and related biodiversity. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 10 November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 2.0/5.0 (IDA/GEF). Cofinancing is anticipated from the European Commission and bilateral donors (US\$ 1.0) and SDC (US\$ 0.5). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, 37 Av. Amilcar Cabral, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel/Fax: (245) 203-513, E-mail: ugpge@sol.telecom.gw, Contact: Mr. Aquino Duarte, Chairman, Project Steering Committee

Kenya

Education

(R) Development Learning Center: The objective of the project is to test the effectiveness and sustainability of a distance learning center (DLC), as part of a global knowledge-sharing network, to strengthen the capacity of public, private and civil society decision-makers and implementers to design, plan and manage economic and social development policies. The LIL will finance construction and installation, operations (on a decreasing basis) and monitoring and evaluation. *Negotiations are completed. The project is scheduled to be approved - following LIL procedures - on 3 November 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78209. US\$ 2.5 (IDA). Consulting services have been selected. Department of Personnel Management, PO Box 30050, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-2) 227-411, Fax: (254-2) 336-545, E-mail: agpsd@africaonline.co.ke, Contact: Ms. Njoki Kahiga, Project Coordinator

(R) Strengthening Primary and Secondary Education: The objectives of the project are to stop the enrollment decline in primary and secondary education and improve quality at both levels by lowering the costs of education to households, improving efficiency in the use of public sector resources, and establishing an adequate regulatory and institutional framework for effective management and delivery of education. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 1373. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, PO Box 30040, Nairobi, Kenya, Fax: (254-2) 214-287, Contact: Professor Kiptoon, Permanent Secretary

Law and Justice

(R) Local Government Fiscal Restructuring: (formerly under *Public Sector Management*) The objective of the project is to achieve significant improvement in service delivery by local authorities. The components are fiscal decentralization, financial management and control board, project coordination and monitoring and future project preparation. Decision meeting is scheduled for December 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 48.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Local Government, Jogoo House, "A" Taifa Rd., PO Box 30004, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-2) 223-346, Fax: (254-2) 243-067, Contact: Mr. Francis N. Mwaura, Director, Department of Urban Development

Transportation

(R) Northern Corridor Transport: The main objectives of the project are: (a) to increase efficiency of transport along the Northern Corridor (Mombasa-Nairobi-Uganda border); and (b) to promote private sector participation in the management, financing, and maintenance of transport assets. This will facilitate domestic and regional trade and transport and foster regional integration in line with the objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). Pro-

ject preparation is under way. Appraisal mission is scheduled for December 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 174.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required for construction supervision, feasibility and engineering design studies and technical assistance for capacity building. Ministry of Roads, Public Works and Housing, Roads Department, PO Box 30260, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-2) 716-862, Fax: (254-2) 717-802, Contact: Eng. C. Orege, Project Coordinator

Lesotho

Education

(R) Second Education Sector Development — APL Phase 2 (Cr. 3813-LSO): The objective of the project is to improve further the access, equity and quality of primary and secondary education, promote lifelong learning through building capacity in early childhood, technical and vocational, higher and non-formal education, and strengthening the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Education and Training. *The credit was signed on 27 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81269. US\$ 21.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, PO Box 47, Maseru 100, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2232-3956, Fax: (266) 2231-0206, E-mail: moshapanec@education.gov.ls, Contact: Mr. Moshapane, Principal Secretary

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Reform (Phase II): The objective of the project, the second phase of a three-phase APL, is to achieve a sustainable increase in access to quality preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care services. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required with expertise in physical planning, architecture, human resources and health insurance. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, PO Box 514, Maseru 100, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-7976, Fax: (266) 2231-0279, E-mail: hpsuhis@lesoff.co.za, makhakhem@planning.health.gov.ls, Contact: Mrs. Majoel Makhakhe

Law and Justice

(R) Public Sector Improvement and Reform: (formerly under Public Sector Management) The APL aims at (a) improving executive decision making; (b) professionalizing civil service; (c) developing effective leadership and management; (d) improving service delivery; (e) skills development for service delivery; (f) devolution of service delivery; (g) improved administration of justice; (h) improved communications, and (i) improved project management. The first phase, lasting two to three years, will focus on (a) defining the role of government; (b) strengthening financial management; (c) enhancing government transparency; and (d) supporting professionalization of civil service. Negotiations are scheduled for January 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 65731. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government Office, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-1000, Fax: (266) 2232-0578, Contact: Ms. M. Lebesa, Principal Secretary

Legal and Judicial Reform: The objective of the project is to enhance the capacity of the law and justice sector to provide an environment conducive to sustainable development through consolidation of the rule of law, protection of property rights, reduction of corruption, sustenance of transparency and accountability, and promotion of equity through empowerment of disadvantaged groups such as women, youth and people with disabilities. Project is being identified. Legal Sector Assessment Study is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for case management, legal education, gender, information technology, architecture, financial management, procurement and project management. Office of the Chief Justice of Lesotho, Palace of Justice, PO Box 90, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-2188, E-mail: lisebo@justice.org.ls, Contact: Mrs. Lisebo Chaka-Makhooane, Chief Registrar

Transportation

(R) Integrated Transport Program: The project aims at continuing reform of the road sub-sector initiated by the Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project, but in the context of a more comprehensive approach to the transportation sector at large. It will support economic growth and poverty reduction through provision of sustainable transportation infrastructure, affordable transportation services and reliable access of isolated areas and the poor to markets, services and opportunities. A Project Concept Note *review meeting was held on 14 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for work on administrative, accounting, financial and operational manuals, a financial system, institutional reform and a transport data study. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, PO Box 1283, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-6269, Fax: (266) 2231-0508, E-mail: kolane@mopwt.gov.ls, Contact: Mr. Mathibeli, Principal Secretary

Water and Sanitation

Water Sector Improvement: The objective of the project is to secure sustainable, adequate and clean water supply and appropriate wastewater services for consumers living in the Lowland areas. Appraisal mission is scheduled for May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 56418. US\$ 17.5 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Natural Resources, Department of Water Affairs, Contact: Mr. Emmanuel Lesoma, Director; Water and Sewerage Authority, PO Box 426, Maseru, 100 Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-2449, 317-516, Fax: (266) 2231-0006, 310-437, E-mail: makhoalibe@wasa.co.ls, dwa@ilesotho.com, Contacts: S. Makhoalibe, Chief Executive, M.P. Leroitholi, Engineering Director

Madagascar

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Services Delivery: (formerly under Power) The objectives of the project are to expand access to electricity in rural and peri-urban areas, especially in the poorest provinces, and support economic growth by reliably meeting the demand for electricity at the lowest feasible cost. Board presentation has been postponed to FY 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74659. US\$ 148.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mines, BP 896, 101 Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 224-0770, Fax: (261-20) 223-2554, E-mail: decoor@dts.mg, Contact: Mr. Rodolphe Ramanantsoa, Director of Energy; JIRAMA, BP 200, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-0031, Fax: (261-20) 223-3806, E-mail: jirdg@dts.mg, Contact: Mr. Desire Rasidy, General Manager

(R) Mineral Resources Governance (Cr. 3754-MAG): (formerly under Industry) The objectives of the project are to strengthen governance and transparency in the management of mineral resources, with special emphasis on small-scale and artisanal mining. Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 May 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76245. US\$ 32.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation (legal services for completion of the regulatory framework and fiscal decentralization, certification and quality control of gemstones, institutional capacity building of decentralized public mining institutions and mining communities and for setting up decentralized environmental management systems, environmental baseline studies and audits, design of an intranet network, training in gemstone cutting and polishing, geophysics airborne survey, geological mapping and geological information system database, technical coordination and supervision). Ministry of Energy and Mines, Unité de coordination du projet minier, BP 280, Ampandrianomby, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar, Tel/Fax: (261-20) 224-1873, E-mail: mem.psm@dts.mg, Contact: Ramarolahy Jonasy, Interim Project Coordinator

Law and Justice

(R) Governance and Institutional Development: (formerly Poverty Reduction and Institutional Development under Public Sector Management) The objectives of the project are to (a) improve transparency and accountability, in particular of public financial management, (b) strengthen monitoring and evaluation, and (c) improve

capacity in key areas such as public finance and procurement. *Appraisal and negotiations completed.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74448. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required, mainly for institutional development and training. *Bureau National du Projet*, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-0911, Fax: (261-20) 222-0912, E-mail: mpaigep@dts.mg, Contact: M. Rajaonary Raolison

Malawi

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Access Expansion and Development: (*formerly under Power*) The objectives of the project are to expand access to energy and improve wood fuels management. Board presentation is scheduled for FY 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, Private Bag 350, Lilongwe 3, Malawi, Tel: (265) 641-435, Fax: (265) 788-689, E-mail: natre-sources@malawi.net, Contact: Mr. Ellos Lodzeni, Director of Administration; Department of Energy, Tel: (265) 774-702, Contact: Dr. Charles Kafumba, Director of Energy

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Multi-sectoral HIV/AIDS (H062-MAI): The objectives of the project are to reduce HIV transmission and improve the quality of life of people infected or otherwise adversely affected by HIV/AIDS. The project aims at strengthening the capacity of agencies and partner organizations responding to AIDS and supporting AIDS-related interventions by government entities from ministerial to district levels and by community based groups. *The grant was signed on 11 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73821. US\$ 35.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Consulting services for PPF and PHRD funding are being defined. National AIDS Commission, PO Box 30622, Lilongwe 3, Malawi, Tel: (265) 727-900, Fax: (265) 727-398, E-mail: bmwale@aidsmalawi.org, Contact: Dr. B.S.M. Mwale, Executive Director

Rural Development

Community-Based Rural Land Development: The objective of the project is to finance (a) land acquisition (in conjunction with government contributions or other donors); (b) land tenure regularization, titling and registration of the acquired lands; (c) community-initiated investment sub-projects and technical assistance to allow residents to establish themselves on the land and improve its productivity; and (d) public information campaigns, community mobilization, training and technical support for basic infrastructure, land administration and training of local government personnel. Board presentation is scheduled for 13 April 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75247. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). A consultant has been retained, using resources from the Netherlands Consultants Trust Fund, to provide technical and operational support for project preparation. Further support in project preparation has come from the FAO/World Bank cooperative program. Ministry of Lands and Housing, Private Bag 311, Capital City, Lilongwe, Malawi, Tel: (265) 774-766, Contact: P. A. Yasini

Mali

Energy and Mining

(R) Household Energy and Universal Access: The objective of the project is to increase access of isolated low-income populations to basic energy services. The specific objectives are: (a) accelerating the use of modern energy in rural and peri-urban areas in order to increase productivity of small and medium enterprises to enhance the quality and efficiency of health and education centers and to improve living standards; (b) promoting further community based woodland management to reduce unsustainable pressure on forest resources while encouraging interfuel substitution and energy efficiency initiatives; and (c) strengthening energy sector reform processes and related institutions to create a favorable investment environment for increased private sector participation in decentral-

ized energy services delivery in rural and peri-urban areas. Board presentation is scheduled for 16 October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 73036, 76440. US\$ 35.65/3.5 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Direction Nationale de l'Énergie, Bâtiment CRES, Badalaboogou, BP 1872, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-4538, Fax: (223) 223-7396, E-mail: denergy@afribone.net.ml, Contact: Solomani Diakite

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Gourma Biodiversity Conservation: The project will ensure that biodiversity and range degradation trends are reversed in selected conservation areas and stabilized elsewhere in the Gourma. Negotiations were scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 52402. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, C/O PGRN, BP 2382, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 243-603, 241-383, Fax: (223) 241-383, E-mail: bio-diver@malinet.ml, Contact: Hamid Ag Mohamed Lamine

Rural Development

(N) Agricultural Competitiveness and Diversification: The objectives of the project are to (a) restore and improve the performances of the cotton sector, and (b) increase and diversify rural households revenues through the expansion of marketed quantities of selected high-value agricultural and livestock products. Appraisal mission is scheduled for April 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, BP 61, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-2979, 222-2785, Fax: (223) 223-1023, Contact: Mr. Bakary Sekou Coulibaly, Technical Adviser

Transportation

(R) Interim Transport: The objectives of the project are to (a) improve alternative corridors to the ports of Dakar and Abidjan by rail and road respectively and (b) sustain accessibility to the Northern region, one of the poorest in the country. Retroactive financing of severance payment for redundant staff in the railway public company is considered for an amount of US\$10 million. Appraisal mission is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 79351. US\$ 38.7 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, Tel: (223) 215-725, Fax: (223) 219-230, E-mail: pst@datatech.net.ml, Contact: M. Thiemoko Yoro Kone, Coordinator of Transport Sector Program; Railway Company of Mali, E-mail: ssimpara@cefib.com, Contact: M. Simba Simpara, Chief Executive Officer; National Public Works Department, Ministry of Equipment and Land Development, Avenue de la Liberté, BP 1758, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-902, Fax: (223) 236-092, E-mail: dntp@cefib.com, Contact: M. Gaboune Keita, Director

Mauritania

Water and Sanitation

Water Supply and Sanitation Sector: The objective of the project is to achieve sustainable improvement in the provision of water and sanitation services in unserved and low-income areas of Nouakchott and secondary cities. The project will support institutional reforms, private sector participation in the delivery of water services and policy enhancements in the water sector. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 79475. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Hydraulics, Société mauritanienne de l'eau (SNDE), B.P. 335 Nouakchott, Mauritanie, Fax: (222) 525-3995, E-mail: sonelec@opt.mr, Contact: Mr. Sidi Ould Riha, General Manager, SNDE

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Reform and Access (Cr. 3819-MOZ): (*formerly under Power*) The objective of the program is to expand access to electricity in rural and perirural areas. The program is expected to reduce barriers that impede development of renewable energy and to facilitate energy sector reforms including restructuring/privatization of public energy enterprises. Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category

B. PID: 69183. US\$ 40.3 (IDA). Consulting activities planned or under way include pre-feasibility studies for isolated grids, alternative approaches for subsidizing electrification, preparation of intensification component, development of business models and concessioning approaches, market assessment and local consultations, private sector capacity assessment and design of a business support program, design of solar electricity capacity building activity, design of solar electricity market development activity and a study on customer and business protection mechanisms. Consulting services for implementation will be decided during preparation. National Directorate of Energy, Av. 25 de Setembro 1218, 3º Andar, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 420-962, Fax: (258-1) 420-245, Contact: Mr. P. Bacela, National Director of Energy; Electricidade de Mozambique, Av. Agostinho Neto, No 70, 8º Andar, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 490-636, Fax: (258-1) 491-048, Contact: Mr. V. Veloso, President

Mozambique

Health, Nutrition and Population

HIV/AIDS Response (H030-MOZ): The objective of the project is to finance the government's implementation of its national strategic plan to combat sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS. The strategy is designed to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS infection, and mitigate the effects of the epidemic through prevention and care treatment. The national strategic plan brings together efforts of government, civil society, the private sector and communities in a national campaign to slow the rate of infection, and provide care for those who suffer from the disease. The project is part of a multi-country HIV/AIDS program in the region. Approved by the Executive Directors on 28 March 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78053. US\$ 55.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Executive Secretariat, National Council to Combat HIV/AIDS, Rua Antonio Bocarro 106/144, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 495-396, Fax: (258-1) 495-395, E-mail: janet@virconn.com, Contact: Mrs Janet Mondlane, Executive Secretary; Ministry of Health, Ave. Eduardo Mondlane 1008, Tel: (258-1) 313-389, Fax: (258-1) 427-133, E-mail: ffsongane@teledata.co.mz, Contact: Dr. Francisco Songane, Minister of Health

Law and Justice

(R) Decentralized Planning and Financing: (formerly under *Public Sector Management*) The project is intended to be the first stage of a long-term program. It would further develop and extend a decentralized system for planning and managing public investments through community participation in a wide number of districts in two or more provinces to be determined in consultation with the government and other donor agencies. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 1807. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for analysis of inter-governmental fiscal transfers, identification of participating districts and communities, identification of local private sector figures, leaders of NGOs and civil society organizations, and other participants in identification and implementation of subprojects. Ministry of Planning and Finance, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 416-614, Fax: (258-1) 418-142, E-mail: pdan@tropical.co.mz, Contact: Mr. Custodio dos Mucudos

Namibia

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Integrated Ecosystem Management through the National Conservancy Network: The objective of the project is to establish, operationalize and strengthen conservancies and related community-driven, sustainable, integrated ecosystem management activities in rural areas that will improve livelihoods and empower communities. The project aims at enhancing biodiversity conservation and alleviating land degradation in the country's expanding conservancy network. Appraisal mission was scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73135. US\$ 7.1 (GEF). Grants to fund consulting services for preparation have been com-

mitted from the Finnish Trust Fund, Harri Seppanen, and from the German Trust Fund, Juliane Zeidler. Namibian Association of CBNRM Supporting Organizations, PO Box 98353, 57 Pasteur St., Pelican Square, Windhoek, Namibia, Tel: (264-61) 230-888, Fax: (264-61) 230-863, E-mail: patskyer.nasco@iafrica.com.na, Contact: Patricia Skyer

Niger

Finance

Financial Sector Program: The objective of the project is to provide technical support to the financial sector adjustment program. Board presentation is scheduled for 6 November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74316. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required during preparation for assessing actions needed to return the social security system to long-term equilibrium. Direction de la monnaie du crédit et de l'épargne, Ministère des finances et de l'économie, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227) 723-250, Contact: M. Seydi Assoumana, Directeur

Nigeria

Education

Universal Basic Education (Cr. 3711-UNI): The objective of the project is to increase the capacity of states and local governments to manage and implement the government's universal basic education (UBE) program effectively and efficiently. This would be done by empowering communities and local governments to establish and manage schools with local participation and by training people in critical skills such as budgeting, participatory planning, financial management, procurement and project implementation. Approved by the Executive Directors on 12 September 2002. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71494. US\$ 101.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Education, the National Project Coordinating Unit, 245 Samel Adesujo Ademulegun St., Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 314-1763, GSM: (0803) 314-7123, Fax: (234-9) 413-9137, Contact: Mrs. M.O.A. Olorunfunmi, the National Coordinator

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Local Empowerment and Environmental Management Program (Cr. 3818-UNI): The objective of the project is to establish a sustainable mechanism for financing environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive multi-sectoral community-driven development. Capacity building support is provided under the project for environmental management in the target states. GEF funding is for strengthening capacity for protected area management and sustainable development in buffer zones. Approved by the Executive Directors on 31 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 69892, 71817. US\$ 70.0/8.0 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Environment, Department of International and Public Affairs, Independence Way South, Central Area, Abuja, PMB 265, Garki-Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-5269, Fax: (234-9) 234-6597, Contact: Mr. Peter Papka, Coordinator of Federal Project Support Unit (FPSU),

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Systems Development II (Cr. 3653-UNI): The project aims at (a) supporting improvements in delivery of primary health care with a focus on maternal, child and reproductive health, (b) strengthening state capacity for system management and encouraging broad consultation and (c) helping the federal government strengthen its capacity to formulate policy and standards. Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 June 2002. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70290. US\$ 127.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Finance, Health Planning and Research, Federal Secretariat Complex, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-6940, Contact: Dr. Sehu Sule, Director

Partnership for Polio Eradication (Cr. 3751-UNI): The objective of the project is to accelerate the National Polio Eradication Program by providing timely and adequate supplies of the polio vaccine, to be obtained through UNICEF, for immunizing children under

five. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 April 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80295. US\$ 28.7 (IDA). No consultants are required. National Programme on Immunization, Ministry of Health, Plot 1266, Ammadu Bello Way, Area 11, Garki-Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 314-1285/9, Fax: (234-9) 314-1286, E-mail: npice@infoweb.abs.net, npihq@infoweb.abs.net, Contact: Dr. (Mrs.) A. Awosika, National Coordinator, Chief Executive

Transportation

Lagos Urban Transport (Cr. 3720-UNT): The project aims at making the transport system in metropolitan Lagos better by (a) establishing an adequate policy and institutional framework for managing and financing the system; (b) improving road network efficiency; (c) enhancing bus services; (d) increasing utilization of water and non-motorized transport means, and (e) preparing for future phases. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 November 2002. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74963. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Lagos Area Metropolitan Transport Authority, Motorway Center, Labos Ibadan Expressway, Lagos, Nigeria, Tel: (234-1) 775-6482, Fax: (234-1) 497-9030 Ext. 5437, E-mail: dmbereola@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Dayo Mobereola, Managing Director

Rural Access and Mobility: The objective of the project is to assist participating states and local government councils sustainably to improve access and mobility in their rural areas. Preparation mission was scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be needed for project preparation. Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Michael Okpara Way, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 523-8463/8466, Contact: Engr. (Mrs.) E. Okeke, Director, Rural Development

Urban Development

Lagos Metropolitan Development: The project aims at improving livability in Lagos through support for urban upgrading, drainage, and sanitation; it also aims at improving urban management through reforms in select agencies, innovative pilots to support reforms and training for building capacity. Preappraisal mission is scheduled for January 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71340. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation. Lagos State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, the Secretariat, Alausa, Lagos, Nigeria, Tel: (234-1) 4969-0309, Contact: Hon. Commissioner, Olayemi Cardoso

Water and Sanitation

Lagos Water Sector Restructuring: The objective of the project is to improve and expand the potable water supply and sewer systems for Lagos. The proposed project is in the early stages of preparation and envisages the following investments: (a) rehabilitation of existing facilities, (b) extension of distribution networks, and (c) technical assistance. The project would: (a) improve operations of the city's water utility; (b) enhance the quality and coverage of water services; (c) support a coherent and sustainable expansion and rehabilitation program; and (d) revamp the city's management and treatment of wastewater. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 71391. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation including legal, financial, engineering and environment al work. Lagos State Water Corporation, Water House Headquarters, Ijora, Lagos, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 774-3013, E-mail: olawale@coker.metrong.com, Contact: Mr. Olumuyiwa Coker, CEO

National Water Sector Reform: The project, one of an APL series, will support reforms and the development of appropriate sector policies in Nigeria, through technical assistance to the Federal Ministry of Water Resources. Up to six states, competitively selected against agreed performance criteria, will be supported to facilitate private sector participation in their urban water supply systems. Support will eventually be given for expansion of water systems in reformed states. Appraisal is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71075. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services have been selected. Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Area 1, Garki, Abjua, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-2205, Fax: (234-9) 234-2895, E-mail:

abubakar@infoweb.abs.net, nwater@hotmail.com, Contact: Engr. M. A. K. Abubakar, Director, Water Supply

Regional

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Senegal River Basin Water and Environmental Management Program: The objective of the project is to establish a participatory strategic framework for the environmentally sustainable development of the Senegal River Basin, leading to the launch of a basin-wide cooperative program for transboundary land and water management. Country participants are Guinea, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal. The project will strengthen the ability of both national authorities and the river basin organization, Organisation pour la mise en valeur du fleuve Sénégal (OMVS), to address transboundary water and environmental management issues. Importantly, Guinea, while not a member of OMVS, is a full participant in the project, which provides a basis for strengthened OMVS-Guinea cooperation. *Board presentation is scheduled for 14 October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64573. US\$ 5.3 (GEF). Implementation will be undertaken jointly with the United Nations Development Programme, which will provide US\$ 2.0 of funding. *Interest in consulting services being solicited for procurement, financial management and audit specialists.* Organisation pour la mise en valeur du fleuve Sénégal (OMVS), 46 rue Carnot, BP 3152, Dakar, Sénégal, Tel: (221) 823-4530, Fax: (221) 822-0163, E-mail: omvs-ccc@sunumail.sn, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Salem Ould Merzoug, High Commissioner

Reversal of Land and Water Degradation Trends in the Niger River Basin: The objective of the project is to support the nine Niger River Basin countries in their efforts to work together to develop and implement sustainable measures for reversing trends in land and water degradation through collaborative decision making. The project is to be co-implemented by UNDP and the World Bank. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 9.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Niger Basin Authority, BP 729, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227) 7272-3102, Fax: (227) 7272-4208, E-mail: abnsec@intnet.ne, Contact: Muhammad Bello Tuga, Executive Secretary

Rwanda

Health, Nutrition and Population

Multi-Sectoral HIV/AIDS Response (H029-RW): The objective of the project is to mainstream HIV/AIDS activities into line ministries and other public sector institutions to bring about behavioral change. Approved by the Executive Directors on 31 March 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71374. US\$ 30.5 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. HIV/AIDS National Commission, Blvd. Umuganda, Commune Kacyiru, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 582-018, Fax: (250) 583-3543, E-mail: cnls@rwandal.com, Contact: Dr. Agnes Binagwaho, Executive Secretary

Law and Justice

(R) Institutional Reform (Cr. 3721-RW): (formerly under *Public Sector Management*) The objective of the project is to enable the private sector, including farmers and small-scale enterprises, to create value and employment. The project will facilitate an environment for this outcome by supporting policy and institutional reforms that promote the market economy, enhance human resource development and improve governance and the effectiveness of government. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 December 2002. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 66385. US\$ 85.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, PO Box 158, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 75438, Fax: (250) 77581, Contact: Dr. Donald Kaberuka

(R) Multi-Sector Support: (formerly under *Public Sector Management*) The objectives of the project are to: (a) reinforce good governance, economic management and public service delivery, and (b) improve human capacity in implementing government action. Appraisal mission is scheduled for December 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 66386. US\$ 20.5 (IDA). Consultants will be

needed to (a) assist the government in the elaboration of its capacity building program and define components that would be funded under the proposed support, (b) guide an interministerial task force established by the government, (c) collect data to gain a better understanding of gaps in the government's capacity at central and local levels, especially regarding civil service reform and decentralization, (d) discuss with key stakeholders their needs, strategies and recommended action plans, (e) conduct strategic management and planning training for government officials involved in preparing the capacity building program, and (f) design a financial management system for the program. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, PO Box 158, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 75756, Fax: (250) 77581, E-mail: cmukankusi@rwanda1.com, mukankusic@hotmail.com, Contact: Charlotte Mukankusi, Program Coordinator, Multi-Sector Support Project

São Tomé and Príncipe

Education

(R) Social Sector Support: (formerly under Social Sector) The project aims at strengthening the social sectors by enhancing the planning and implementation capacity of the public sector and civil society and by supporting implementation of clearly defined objectives to respond better to people's social needs in both access and quality of service delivery. Appraisal mission is scheduled for January 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75979. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federation of NGOs, PB 234, São Tomé, São Tomé and Príncipe, Tel: (239) 71318, Tel/Fax: (239) 23363, E-mail: zadir@cstome.net, Contact: Tomé Santos, President

Senegal

Energy and Mining

(N) Electricity Efficiency Enhancement: The objective of the project is to improve efficiency in the power sector and meet increasing demand for electricity. This will be achieved by (a) promoting private sector investment in new power production facilities (IPP); (b) privatizing SENELEC (the power utility); (c) rehabilitating existing thermal units; (d) constructing and rehabilitating transmission lines; (e) expanding and rehabilitating the electricity distribution system; (f) promoting petroleum exploration and production; and (g) promoting construction of a petroleum product storage facility. Project Concept Note is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Cellule de Préparation et de Suivi des Réformes du Secteur de l'Énergie, BP 4037, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 821-1611, Fax: (221) 821-1608, E-mail: cprse@telecomplus.sn, Contact: M. Seydou Sagna, Coordonnateur et Directeur de l'Énergie

(N) Rural Electrification: The objective of the project is to increase sustainable provision of basic electricity services and the associated social and economic benefits in rural regions. Project Concept Note is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Agence Sénégalaise de l'Électrification Rurale, Ex Camp Lat Dior, BP 11, 131 Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 849-4717, Fax: (221) 849-4720, E-mail: aserdg@sentoo.sn, Contact: M. Aliou Niang, Directeur Général

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Integrated Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Management: The objective of the project is to develop sustainable fisheries while preserving the ecosystems and ecological processes critical for maintaining biodiversity and for satisfying the socioeconomic needs of stakeholders. The project has been redesigned to incorporate a fishery component funded by IDA. *PPF and PHRD are being finalized. Project Concept Note is being prepared.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0/Amount to be determined (GEF/IDA). *The Biodiversity Component will be funded mainly by GEF. The Sustainable Fisheries Component will be funded by IDA. Consulting services have been recruited locally to conduct studies funded by PDF B grant.* Ministère de la jeunesse, de l'Environnement et de l'Hygiène Publique,

BP 4055, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 824-3793, Fax: (221) 824-3775, E-mail: biomarine@sentoo.sn, tropica@sentoo.sn, Contact: Mr. Mbarak Diop, Project Coordinator

Private Sector Development

(R) Private Sector Adjustment: The objective of the project is to achieve reforms in taxation, the edible oil sector, postal services and pensions. Board presentation is scheduled for 16 December 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 55.0 (IDA). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Economy and Finance, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 821-0378, Fax: (221) 822-4195, Contact: Mr. Aliou Faye, Unité de Politique Economique (UPE)

Sierra Leone

Education

Rehabilitation of Basic Education (H020-SL): The objectives of the project are to (a) provide education for the majority of children of school age, 6-15 years old; (b) guarantee that schools are meeting fundamental standards of quality education; and (c) develop a partnership among the Ministry of Education, civil society and the international community to build capacity for managing the sector. Approved by the Executive Directors on 25 February 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74320. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. A PHRD grant of US\$ 544,000 is supporting technical assistance in the project preparation phase. Ministry of Youth, Education and Sports, New England, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 240-881, Fax: (232-22) 240-137, Contact: Dr. Alpha Wurie, Minister of Education

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Reconstruction and Development (H021-SL): The objective of the project is to help restore the most essential functions of the health delivery system. It specifically aims at (a) increasing access to affordable essential health services by improving primary and first referral health facilities in four districts; (b) improving the performance of key technical programs responsible for coping with major public health problems; (c) strengthening health sector management capacity to improve efficiency and further decentralize decision-making to the districts; and (d) supporting development of the private health sector and involvement of the civil society in decision-making. Approved by the Executive Directors on 25 February 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Sanitation, 4th Floor, Youyi Bldg., Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232) 2224-0068, Fax: (232) 2223-5063, E-mail: cwkamara@sierratel.sl, Contact: Dr. Clifford Kamara, Director of Information and Planning

Social Protection

National Social Action (Cr. 3748-SL): The objective of the project is to assist war-affected communities to restore infrastructure and services and build local capacity for collective action. Priority will be to areas not previously serviced by the government, newly accessible areas (those that were under rebel control until January 2002), and the most vulnerable groups in those areas. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 April 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79335. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. National Commission for Social Action, 39 Siaka Stevens St., Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232) 2222-6032, Fax: (232) 2222-8577, E-mail: kis83@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Kanja Sesay

South Africa

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Cape Action Plan: The aim of the preparatory grant is to prepare an application to the GEF to support conservation interventions to conserve the marine, terrestrial and aquatic environment of the Cape Floristic region, the smallest of the world's floristic regions, this includes off reserve and spatially based interventions in pilot areas. Appraisal mission was scheduled for 10 October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75997. US\$ 9.3 (GEF). Con-

sultants will be required for environmental assessment, capacity building, socio-economic aspects and ecological services. National Botanical Institute, Private Bag X7, Claremont, 7735, South Africa, Tel: (27-21) 799-8790; E-mail: tsandwith@wwfsa.org.za, Contact: Trevor Sandwith

(R) Greater Addo Elephant National Park Conservation: (*formerly under Environment*) The objectives of the project are to (a) conserve globally significant biodiversity in and around the Greater Addo Elephant National Park, (b) create economic benefits for the community, and (c) support expansion through partnerships with landowners thereby creating the country's third largest national park. Board presentation is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64438. US\$ 5.5 (GEF). Consultants have been engaged to undertake the conservation planning work and the social and economic components of the preparation. South African National Parks, 643 Leyds St., Muckleneuk, Pretoria, South Africa, Tel: (27-41) 508-5411, Fax: (27-41) 508-5415, E-mail: mknight@upe.ac.za, Contact: Dr. Mike Knight

Tanzania

Health, Nutrition and Population

Multisectoral AIDS (H059-TA): The objective of the project is to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the adverse consequences of AIDS. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71014. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services will be required for impact studies, capacity assessments and consensus building, strategy development and financial analyses. Implementing agency is to be determined.

Law and Justice

(R) Accountability, Transparency and Integrity: (*formerly under Public Sector Management*) The objective of the project is to improve the impact of development programs on the poor by enhancing the quality of governance. This will be done through: (a) strengthening the legal and judicial systems; (b) enhancing public financial accountability; (c) strengthening oversight and watchdog institutions, particularly supporting the drive to combat corruption; and (d) improving coordination, management, monitoring and evaluation of government programs. Preappraisal mission is scheduled for February 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70544. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for (a) identifying the nature, scope and estimated cost of capacity building in support of parliamentary committees; (b) surveying, analyzing and profiling the nature and scope of past, present and potential work by civil society organizations; (c) a feasibility study and precontract services of the physical infrastructure; (d) a feasibility study and preliminary design of an integrated management system; (e) documenting the system and procedures for project management and preparation of an accounting manual; (f) conducting a training needs assessment and designing a training model; (g) finishing standard bidding documents; (h) technical assistance to the central tender board; (i) identifying and specifying components of a corporate plan to be funded under the project; (j) conducting a feasibility study for the construction of a national records center; (k) conducting an institutional assessment for the law school; and (l) architectural expertises to be provided to the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Tel: (255-22) 211-1151, Fax: (255-22) 113-239; E-mail: jlegalsec@africaonline.co.tz, Contact: Mr. K. Massaba, Permanent Secretary and Deputy Attorney General

Public Sector Governance

Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 3772-TA, H040-TA): The objective of the project is to build on recent reforms in support of the country's poverty reduction strategy, focusing on private sector development and public sector management. The project seeks to (a) raise the economy's growth to between 6 and 7 percent in the medium term by promoting higher private investment, reducing the cost of doing business and enhancing the efficiency of the economy, and (b) spread the impact of reforms and resultant growth to the rural poor by enhancing the profitability of agriculture broadly

and export products of rural origin in particular. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 May 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74072. US\$ 100.0/32.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Tanzania

Togo

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Sector Investment (Power V): (*formerly under Power*) The project will support privatized distribution utility and reinforcement and expansion of the transmission and distribution systems, and creating the environment for private sector power generation. Appraisal mission is scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 41277. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services are required for (a) institutional reinforcement and engineering and preparation of bid documents; and (b) technical assistance. Togo Electricité, 426 Av. du Golfe, BP 42, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-2744, Fax: (228) 221-6498, Contact: M. Marc Ducommun-Ricoux, Directeur Général; Communauté Electrique du Bénin (CEB), Rue de la Kozah, BP 1368, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-5796, Fax: (228) 221-3764, Contact: M. Cyr M'Po Kouagou, Directeur Général

Health, Nutrition and Population

HIV/AIDS Emergency Response: The objective of the project is to build up effective activities in the prevention of HIV infection and care of people living with AIDS as part of a Region-wide effort. Preappraisal mission was scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71634. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Conseil national de lutte contre le SIDA et les infections sexuellement transmissibles (National AIDS Country Council - NACC), PO Box 13146, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 262-717, Fax: (228) 218-941, Contact: Dr. Kpante Bassabi

Uganda

Energy and Mining

(R) Bujagali Hydropower Technical Assistance: (*formerly under Power*) The objective of the project is to provide technical assistance to the government concerning: (a) monitoring and complying with the environmental, social, contractual and other aspects of the Bujagali Hydropower Project and (b) establishing a contingent liabilities management program. Appraisal is scheduled for March 2004. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ amount to be determined. (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Law and Justice

(R) Third Poverty Reduction Support (H063-UG): (*formerly under Structural Adjustment*) The objective of the project is to support implementation of the poverty reduction strategy, focusing on reforms with the highest poverty impact. It will continue supporting and further developing the reform program developed under the two earlier PRSCs, with the aim to improve service delivery in Uganda. The reform program will attempt to improve service delivery through (a) efficient and equitable use of public resources; (b) improved governance through cross-cutting public sector reforms; (c) promotion of an enabling environment for rural development, including steps to improve the effectiveness of agricultural research and advisory services and promotion of rural finance, rural roads, and sustainable natural resource management; and (d) improved access to — and quality of — education, health care, and water and sanitation services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 September 2003. The credit was signed on 15 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74081. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Tel: (256-41) 234-433, Fax: (256-41) 231-163, Contact: Mary Muduuli, Deputy Secretary

Capacity and Performance Enhancement: (*formerly under Public Sector Management*) The objective of the project is to enhance the capacity and performance of public entities to deliver services effectively and efficiently at levels consistent with raising and sustaining

the growth, diversification and modernization of the economy and with the government's poverty reduction targets. Appraisal mission is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 50440. US\$ 70.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for (a) capacity building and training, (b) good governance, (c) human resources development, and (d) management and public service reform. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, P.O. Box 7096, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 230-290, Fax: (256-41) 230-891, E-mail: mkeith@infocom.co.ug, Contact: Mr. Keith Muhakanizi, Director

Zambia

Law and Justice

Fiscal Sustainability II: (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The purpose of the project is to provide balance of payments assistance in support of economic reforms. Board presentation is scheduled for FY 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, PO Box 50062, Ridgeway 15101, Chimanga Rd., Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 250-544, Fax: (260-1) 250-940, Contact: Mr. F. Mbewe, Coordinator, World Bank Programs

Private Sector Development

Support to Economic Expansion and Diversification (SEED) Tourism: The project seeks to support the Government's efforts to stimulate diversified economic growth and private sector investment, using tourism as an entry point. This is to be achieved through public/private partnership for building an enabling environment conducive to private sector growth and community-based development, and by preserving Zambia's extensive cultural, natural and wildlife assets. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 22 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71407. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required during preparation. Ministry of Tourism, PO Box 30575, Electra House, Cairo Road, Lusaka, 10101, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 227-645/647, Fax: (260-1) 222-189, Contact: Mr. John Chiluwe, Project Coordinator

Zimbabwe

Health, Nutrition and Population

AIDS: The project will provide support to scale up and accelerate the national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Project design will focus on defining the framework and mechanisms for implementation being developed by the National AIDS Council to allow immediate scaling up of existing and clearly defined programs and allowing time for preparation of activities not yet ready. Negotiations will proceed once suspension of disbursements is lifted. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70186. US\$ 54.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National AIDS Council, 18 Lanark Rd., Belgravia, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 791-171, 791-172, 791-178, 791-152 (direct line), Fax: (263-4) 703-682, 728-998, E-mail: secretariat@nac.co.zw, Contact: Dr. Everisto Marowa, Executive Director

National Health Strategy Support: The project will support (a) decentralization of the health sector and a public/private mix on health financing issues; (b) provision of drugs and medical supplies; (c) preventive and curative care for reproductive health; and (d) strengthening of human resources. Project preparation is on hold due to the country situation. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 3325. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, I-4th Floor, Kaguvi Bldg., 4th St./Central Ave., Causeway, PO Box CY 1122, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 727-951, Fax: (263-4) 702-293, E-mail: pmufhpii@healthnet.zw

Law and Justice

(R) Enhanced Social Protection: (formerly under Social Sector) The purpose of the project is to provide social protection to groups most vulnerable to the impact of the economic and social crisis. Appraisal completed. Negotiations will proceed once suspension of disbursements is lifted. Environmental Assessment Category FI.

PID: 68947. US\$ 101.2 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Social Development Fund, Ministry of Public Service, Labor and Social Welfare, Private Bag 7707 Causeway, Harare or 6th Floor, Compensation House 4th St., Central Ave., Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 790-871/9, Fax: (263-4) 794-568, E-mail: mhishi@sdf.org.zw, Contact: Mr. Sidney Mhishi, Director

(R) Local Government and Development: (formerly under Public Sector Management) The project will provide infrastructure financing and capacity building support for local governments, including urban and rural district councils. Board presentation is on hold due to the country situation. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 3306. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Local Government and National Housing, Private Bag 7706, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 790-601, Fax: (263-4) 708-943, Contact: Mr. S. Chakaipa, Deputy Secretary

Transportation

Railways Restructuring: The project will include staff retrenchment and rationalization, infrastructure rehabilitation, studies and technical assistance, training and counseling and assistance to retrenched staff. Project preparation is on hold due to the country situation. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57096. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. National Railways of Zimbabwe, PO Box 596, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 363-838, Fax: (263-4) 363-502

Road Maintenance and Reform: The project will help strengthen the government's ability to rehabilitate and maintain its roads through coordinated sector development plans, policy and institutional reforms, improved programming of rehabilitation and maintenance, private sector participation and human resource development. Negotiations are currently on hold. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40634. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Transport and Energy, Department of Roads, PO Box CY595 Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 700-991 Ext. 229, Fax: (263-4) 700-817

East Asia and Pacific

Cambodia

Education

Basic Education: The project will support expansion of access to — and improvements in the quality of — basic education. Investments include school construction, incentive programs to lower barriers to schooling access for poor or disadvantaged students, development of a school cluster support network, development of a national education quality monitoring system and teacher training reform. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70668. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, 169 Norodom Blvd. (cnr. St. 310), Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 210-349, Fax: (855-23) 210-349, Contact: Im Sethy, Secretary of State

Higher Education: The objective of the project is to produce better skilled university graduates by improving the quality and market relevance of higher education. The project will invest in management training, libraries, connectivity, staff development, and organizational development (e.g., accreditation systems, credit transfer arrangements, financial management, student financial aid systems, etc.). Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70666. US\$ 25.8 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, 169 Norodom Blvd., (cnr. St. 310), Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 217-937, Fax: (855-23) 844-276, E-mail: higheredu@bigpond.com.kh, Contact: H.E. Pok Than, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Electrification: (formerly under Power) The objective of the project is to improve power sector efficiency, rural standards of living and the enabling environment. A PPF advance of US\$ 0.3 was approved in October 2001. PAD preparation is under way. Decision meeting was held on 3 September 2003. Appraisal mission is currently in the field. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64844. US\$ 40.0/5.7 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services are being used for: Meritec - Rural Electrification Strategy and Project Implementation Plan and Australia Power - Feasibility Study of the Transmission component. Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy, 45 Preah Norodom Blvd. Khan Daun Phen, Phnom Penh Cambodia and Electricite due Cambodge (EDC), St. 19, Wath Phnom, Daun Penh District, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 723-447 (MIME), (855-23) 426-938 (EDC), Fax: (855-23) 427-852 (MIME); (855-23) 426-018 (EDC). Contact: H.E. Ith Praing, Secretary of State, MIME; Mr. Yim Nolson, Deputy Managing Director, EDC

Law and Justice

(R) Poverty Reduction Support: (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The objective of the project is to support key policy measures of the government's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), which is to be completed by the end of December 2003. The project aims at helping reduce poverty by (a) enhancing the effectiveness of public sector management, in particular in the areas of expenditure, civil service reform and governance/anti-corruption; (b) improving the environment for private sector development, including promoting trade and investment; and (c) promoting pro-poor sectoral policy actions, with the focus on health, education, agriculture and rural development. Concept review is scheduled for May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, St. 92 Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855) 1286-1355, Fax: (855) 2342-87798, E-mail: ferp-mefwbd@camnet.com.kh, Contact: Mr. Thao Sokmuny, Chief, World Bank Division

Public Sector Governance

Rural Investment and Local Governance: The objective of the project is to provide priority public goods and services at the provincial and commune levels and to promote good local governance through support of decentralized and deconcentrated participatory governance of communes and provinces. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 April 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71146. US\$ 22.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Seila Task Force Secretariat, Council for Development of Cambodia, Government Palace, Sisowath Quay, Wat Phnom, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Fax: (855-23) 981-257, E-mail: yanara@camnet.com.kh, Contact: H E Chhieng Yanara

Transportation

(R) Provincial and Rural Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to provide sustainable, year-round and safe improvements in rural accessibility to markets and essential services in the provinces of Siem Reap, Odtar Mean Chey, Kampong Thom and Preah Vihear. In order to attain its objective, the project has been designed to deliver seven outputs. These encompass strengthened institutional capacity, improved policies and strategy, including public participation in road selection and increased awareness of road budgets and technical options, rehabilitated physical infrastructure, increased private sector involvement in the road sector, and increased awareness by transport agencies and affected communities of related risks such as road safety and HIV/AIDS. Corresponding activities would address policy, institutional and capacity constraints at both national and provincial levels and include community awareness campaigns. Approved by the Executive Directors on 11 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71207. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services financed under a Japan-PHRD grant are almost complete. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Corner Norodom Blvd. and Street No. 106, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-12) 805-040, Fax: (855-23) 724-279, E-mail: wb_piu2@bigpond.com.kh, Contact: Mr. Lim Sidenine, Director; Ministry of Rural Development, Corner

Russian Blvd. and Street No. 169, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 938-072, Fax: (855-23) 884-160, E-mail: ksan_mrd@forum.org.kh, Contact: Mr. Mour Kimsan, Deputy Director General for Technical Affairs

China

Education

(R) Basic Education in Western Areas (Ln. 7194-CHA): This project would increase access to high-quality basic education (grades one to nine) for poor children, especially girls and minorities, in the poorest parts of the western areas. Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 73002. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). It is expected that consulting services will be required to support project preparation particularly in areas such as education financing, distance education and quality assessment. Ministry of Education (MOE), Finance Department, Xidan, Beijing 100816, China, Tel: (86-10) 6609-6679, Fax: (86-10) 6609-6263, Contact: Ms. Zhou Jian, Director, Division of Foreign Capital Utilization

Energy and Mining

(R) Renewable Energy Scale-up Program: (formerly under Power) The project will help enable commercial renewable electricity suppliers to provide energy to the electricity market efficiently, cost-effectively and on a large scale. Project preparation is under way. The project brief was approved by the GEF Council at its May 2001 meeting. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 67825. US\$ 50.0/40.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, San Li He Lu, Beijing, China 100829, Tel: (86-10) 6855-1133, Fax: (86-10) 6855-1183, E-mail: wencalzhang@mof.gov.cn, Contact: Zhang Wencai, GEF Operational Focal Point of China

Rural Development

(N) Agricultural Technology: The objective of the project is to raise rural incomes in selected areas by supporting the restructuring and modernizing of agricultural production, processing and marketing, using viable scientific and technical models, and a sustainable and efficient use of natural resources. Preparation mission completed. Preappraisal mission is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be needed for preparation and implementation. State Office of Comprehensive Agriculture Development, 100026 Fulu Mansion, Fengtai District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8891-0024, Fax: (86-10) 8891-0023, E-mail: lluo@socad.org, Contact: Mr. Luo Luyong, Division Chief, Foreign Funding Division

(R) Gansu and Xinjiang Pastoral Development (Ln. 4718-CHA): (formerly under Agriculture) The objective of the project is to support the sustainable development of the livestock sector by (a) developing and distributing genetically improved sheep; (b) conserving the environment through grassland improvement; and (c) improving marketing systems. The project includes (a) development and multiplication of elite livestock; (b) production, demonstration and grassland improvement; (c) improvement of the processing and marketing of wool; and (d) strengthening of the recording and monitoring systems. Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65035. US\$ 66.3 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Foreign Economic Cooperation Center, 11 Nongzhanguan Nanli, Beijing 100026, China, Tel: (86-10) 6500-3273, Fax: (86-10) 6419-4578, E-mail: zstang@public.east.cn.net, Contact: Mr. Tang Zhishao, Acting Director

(R) Jiangxi Integrated Agriculture Modernization: (formerly under Agriculture) The objectives of the project are to (a) achieve significant improvement in farmers' product quality and production efficiency; (b) improve farmers' access to markets; and (c) demonstrate and promote the modernization characteristics of integrated agriculture. The project includes (a) rehabilitation and construction of irrigation and drainage (land improvement); (b) farm production improvement (including soil improvement); (c) market system development; and (d) research, training and monitoring. Negotiations were scheduled for late September 2003. Environmental Assessment

Category B. PID: 65463. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Jiangxi Provincial Agriculture Foreign Fund Utilizing Office, 12th Floor. Provincial Planning Commission Bldg., West 2 Rd. Provincial Government Compound, Nanchang, China, Tel: (86-791) 621-1815, Fax: (86-791) 621-2873, E-mail: jaffo@public.nc.jx.cn, Contact: Mr. Yuan Jin Mu, Director

Poor Rural Communities Development: The objective of the project is to reduce poverty in Western China through a participatory and multisectoral attack on absolute poverty in an extremely resource-deficient area covering the worst affected upland areas of several inland provinces. Poor rural communities would design and implement activities to improve agricultural productivity and access to infrastructure in the poorest communities of Guangxi, Yunnan, and Sichuan Provinces. Project preparation mission was scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71094. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Limited international consulting services will be required. Leading Group for Poverty Alleviation, Foreign Capital Project Management Office, 11 Nongzhanguan Nanli, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China 100026, Tel: (86-10) 8261-7155, Fax: (86-10) 8261-7165, Contact: Mr. Feng Qiang, Director

Transportation

(R) Fourth Inland Waterway: The main objective of the project is to improve water transport access for poor southern regions by upgrading navigation conditions on the major east-west river and other waterways feeding traffic into the Pearl River Delta region. A secondary objective is to harness water-flow in two of these rivers to generate environmentally clean electricity to help meet growing energy demand in Guangdong and Guangxi. *Appraisal mission is currently in the field.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77137 US\$ 95.0 (IBRD). Project agencies are contracting locally for detailed design using their own budget. Guangxi Communications Department, No. 67, Xinmin Rd., Nanning, Guangxi 530012 China, Tel: (86-771) 211-5065, Fax: (86-771) 261-4441, Contact: Mr. Li Shangyan, Deputy Director; Guangdong Navigation Bureau, No. 280, Changdi Rd., Guangzhou, Guangdong 210120 China, Tel: (86-20) 8333-4810, Fax: (86-20) 8337-2939, Contact: Mr. Chen Zichao, Deputy Director

(R) Wuhan Urban Transport: The objective of the project is to foster an approach to improving mobility and accessibility in the city, especially for the disadvantaged, that facilitates economic development, improves the quality of life and is financially sustainable. The project will focus on improvements to (a) the road network, (b) traffic management and road safety, (c) the scope and quality of public transport services, and (d) environmental management. Appraisal mission was scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 69852 US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for project preparation. World Bank Loan, Wuhan City Transport Project Office, 130 Yanjiang Ave., Hankou, Wuhan 430014, China, Tel: (86-27) 8587-4312, Fax: (86-27) 8558-0354, E-mail: whjtxmb@public.wh.hb.cn, Contact: Mr. Hui Shuquan, Vice Director

Inner Mongolia Highway II: The objectives of the project are to: (a) construct a 250 km highway connecting Manzhouli and Yakeshi; (b) operate a rural roads maintenance program and (c) improve highway safety. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 68752. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for construction supervision, technical studies and training. Inner Mongolia Communication Department, No. 68 Saihan District, Dizhiju South St., Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China, Tel: (471) 696-8813, Fax: (471) 696-7588, Contact: Mr. Bao Jiansh, Deputy Director

National Railways II: The objectives of the project are to support implementation of the ongoing restructuring and reform program for China Railways and to make capital investments that (a) increase the capacity and environmental sustainability of the railway network linking eastern and western China and (b) help China Railways modernize and upgrade track maintenance practices consistent with the goal of operating a modern, competitive rail service. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75602. US\$ 242.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be deter-

mined. Ministry of Railways, 10 Fuxing Rd., Beijing 100844, China, Tel: (86-10) 5184-8416, Fax: (86-10) 5184-1845, E-mail: fcticz@ns.chinamor.cn.net, Contact: Mr. Yang Haichang, Director, Foreign Capital and Technical Import Center.

Second Anhui Highway (Ln. 7183-CHA): The project will include: (a) construction of approximately 120 km of the Tongling-Tangkou Highway; (b) improvement of the existing road network in low-income areas; (c) improvement of traffic safety on the existing network; and (d) strengthening of technical and management capacity of APCD and its related departments. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 76714. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services for construction supervisions and some studies will be required. Project Execution Office of APCD, 8th Floor, Huayi Mansion, No. 95 Shouchun Rd., Hefei, Anhui 230001, China, Tel: (86-551) 262-9089, Fax: (86-551) 263-0290, E-mail: apcdpeo@mail.hf.an.cn, Contact: Mr. Liu Xiaoyao, Chief Engineer

Urban Development

(N) Hunan Urban Development: The objective of the project is to promote sustainable development in the city-region of Changsha, Zhuzhou and Xiangtan (CZT Region) of Hunan Province. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for reviewing feasibility studies and preparing documentation for Bank appraisal including environmental and social impact assessments, economic and financial analysis, project management and administration, and implementation. Hunan Provincial Development Planning Commission, 69 Wu-Yi Zhong Rd., Changsha, Hunan 410011, China, Tel: (86-731) 221-4531, Fax: (86-731) 221-2956, Contact: Mr. Xu Xianping, Director

(R) Zhejiang Urban Environment: The objectives of the project are to (a) enhance basic urban environmental services delivery; (b) promote institutional and financial reform in the waste utility sector; and (c) strengthen urban financial management and resource generation. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for 29 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69955. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services have been acquired. Zhejiang Urban Development Project Office, A 404 Wensan Rd., Hangzhou 310013, Zhejiang, China, Tel: (86-571) 886-3991, Fax: (86-571) 886-64685, E-mail: zudpo@public1.hz.zj.cn, Contact: Mr. He Conghua, Acting Project Director

Guangdong Pearl River Delta Urban Environment: The objectives of the project are to provide a safe environment setting for the long-term economic growth of Guangzhou and other cities in the Pearl River Delta region. The main investment components would be wastewater and solid waste management improvements in the Gouangzhou Metropolitan area. Decision Meeting is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75728. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Guangdong Provincial World Bank PMO, Guangdong Provincial Finance Bureau, Guangzhou 510031, China, Fax: (86-20) 208-333, Contact: Mr. Gu Dongfang, Vice Director

Shanghai Urban Environment (SHUEP) APL (Ln. 4705-CHA): The objective of the project is to begin a three-phase APL, supporting urban environmental infrastructure, with policy reform, corporatization and exploration of financing options when devolving service provision to market-based system. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 70191. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required during preparation and implementation. Shanghai Water and Wastewater Engineering Company, Ltd., Fax: (86-21) 5855-5563, Contact: Mr. Huang Jian Ping, General Manager

Water and Sanitation

(N) Tai Basin Urban Environment: The objective of the project is to improve the quality of the urban environment through improved wastewater and water quality management in the key municipalities of Wuxi and Suzhou and more widely in the Tai Basin in order to facilitate sustainable urban economic growth and social development in the region. Decision meeting is scheduled for 10 December 2003. Envi-

ronmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 84.6 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Jiangsu Provincial Management Office, Foreign Economy and Finance Division, Jiangsu Finance Bureau, 63 Beijing Rd., Nanjing 210024 Jiangsu Province, China, Tel: (86-25) 372-7278, Fax: (86-25) 331-2450, E-mail: lindaxie1234@vip.sina.com, Contact: Mr. Zhang Jiefei

Indonesia

Energy and Mining

(R) Domestic Gas Sector Restructuring: (formerly under Power) The project aims at supporting the government's reform program for the domestic gas sector by providing financing for expansion of gas distribution on West Java. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 85.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. PT. PGN Persero, Jl. K.H. Zainul Arifin No. 20, Jakarta 11140, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 633-9525, Fax: (62-21) 633-1304, E-mail: adilabas@pgn.co.id, Contact: Adil Abas, Development Director

(R) Java-Bali Power Sector Restructuring and Strengthening (Ln. 4712-IND): (formerly under Power) The project aims at supporting government efforts to lay the foundation for a commercially-viable, financially-independent, operationally-secure and efficient power sector in Java-Bali, and at managing the subsidies for power development outside Java. It will do so by restructuring PLN's operations, including PLN's corporate and financial restructuring, and removing the most critical power system delivery constraints in Java-Bali. It will also include financing toward the management and financial information system required to establish commercially viable and operations efficient transmission, generation and distribution successor companies in Java-Bali. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 June 2003. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for late September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 63913. US\$ 141.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Perum Listrik Negara (PLN), Jl. Trunojoyo Blok MI/135, Jakarta, Indonesia, Jl. K.H. Zainul Arifin 20, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 726-1122 Ext. 1547, Fax: (62-21) 722-1330, Contact: Djoko Prasetyo, Corporate Planning

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Workforce and Services (Ln. 4702-IND, Cr. 3784-IND): The objective of the project is to support health sector decentralization in the provinces of Jambi, West Sumatra, West Kalimantan and East Kalimantan. Approved by the Executive Directors on 12 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73772. US\$ 31.1/74.5 (IBRD/IDA). Specialists will be required in (a) undergraduate and post-graduate medical education curriculum pedagogy (problem-based learning etc.); (b) post-graduate continuous education including distance learning; (c) establishing and managing medical institutions; and (d) combining training with research and service delivery as an academic center of learning through community based piloting. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, JLN. H.R. Rasuna Said Kav. X5, 4-9 Block B, 8th floor, Jakarta. Tel: (62-21) 520-1588; Fax: (62-21) 520-1588, E-mail: nasirah_bahaudin@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Nasirah Bahaudin; Ministry of National Education, Jl, Jenderal Sudirman, Pintu I, Senayan, Jakarta 10002, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 573-1436, 573-1988, Fax: (62-21) 573-1466, 573-1988, E-mail: satrio1@indo.net.id, Contact: Satryo Soemantri Brodjonegoro, Director General of Higher Education

Micronutrient Deficiency Control and Prevention: The project aims at developing, piloting and, if warranted, implementing sustainable decentralized systems for micronutrient deficiency control and prevention. Subsidiary objective will be to define and test appropriate roles, responsibilities and accountabilities at each level of government. Intervention strategies will reflect existing micronutrient deficiencies and local resources. The project would help strengthen the capacity of district governments and NGOs to provide the types of assistance needed to address micronutrient deficiency, and the capacity of the central and provincial governments to offer advice and advocacy in accordance to their new roles in the decentralized framework. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required

to assess the current status of micronutrient deficiency and gaps in the program and to define the strategic options and the best role for this project. Directorate of Community Nutrition, Directorate General of Community Health, Ministry of Health, Block C, 7th floor, Jln. H.R. Rasuna Said, Kav. 4-9 Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 529-63053; Fax: (62-21) 520-3871, Contact: Prof. Dr. Azrul Azwar, Director General Community Health, Ministry of Health

Private Sector Development

Private Provision of Infrastructure Technical Assistance (Ln. 4696-IND): The project will assist in (a) developing the policy, legal, regulatory and institutional foundations required to facilitate efficient, sustainable private investment in key infrastructure sectors, and (b) building broader public understanding of the need for and benefits of well-managed private infrastructure. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2003. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 76271. US\$ 17.1 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Office of the Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Jl. Lapangan Banteng Timur 2-4, Jakarta 10710, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 351-1462, Fax: (62-21) 351-1644, E-mail: bsantono@cbn.net.id, Contacts: Jinny Katuuk, Deputy II (Infrastructure and Economic and Fiscal Decentralization), Bambang Susantono, Assistant for Transport

Public Sector Governance

(R) Third Kecamatan Development (Ln. 4710-IND, Cr. 3806-IND): (formerly under Social Sector) The objectives of the project are reducing poverty and improving local governance. Specific development objectives include: (a) institutionalizing participatory processes in local government; (b) providing basic social and economic infrastructure cost effectively and (c) strengthening the capacity of the microfinance institutions developed under two earlier phases to manage and monitor funds sustainably. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79156. US\$ 204.3/45.5 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants have been identified. Ministry of Home Affairs, Jl. Raya Pasar Minggu Km. 19, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7917-1684; Fax: (62-21) 7919-6118, Contact: Mr. Bito Wikantosa, Project Manager

Kabupaten Governance and Reform Initiatives: The purpose of the project is to pull together a group of "reformers" at the kabupaten level to initiate a reform process, and develop a district-level system of checks and balances, increasing local accountability and transparency. The concept proposes a "learning-by-doing" mode of implementation, working with a combination of reform-minded local governments and civil society, building on existing initiatives. Preappraisal mission is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76174. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants are conducting project preparation financed by a Japanese PHRD and a DFID TFS grant. Ministry for National Development and Planning, Bappenas & Moha, Jl. Taman Suropati No. 2, Tel/Fax: (62-21) 334-195, 335-289, Contacts: Ir. Tatag Wiranto, Director, Community and Rural Empowerment, Ir. Max Pohan, Director, Regional Autonomy Development

Rural Development

(R) Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management II (COREMAP II): The project is the second phase of a long-term program to empower and support coastal communities to sustainably manage the use of coral reefs and associated ecosystem resources, which will in turn enhance the welfare of these communities. The project will strengthen national, provincial and district level institutions as service providers to communities in their local efforts to protect the reefs and ecosystems. The project will also work through private, public and non-government organizations that have already established conservation and development programs in many proposed Phase II locations. Finally, the project will seek to promote societal awareness of the benefits of coral reef conservation. *Appraisal mission is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71316. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Social marketing specialist, community-based management specialist, coral reef ecology/rapid appraisal specialist, national experts on legal issues, decentralization and coral reef monitoring are areas in which consulting services are needed. Indone-

sia Institute of Sciences (LIPI) and Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DKP), Jl Raden Saleh No. 43, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 314-3080, E-mail: coremap@indosat.net.id, Contact: Dr. Anugerah Nontji, PMO Director, COREMAP Secretariat

(R) Land Management and Policy Development: The objectives of the project are to: (a) develop and implement a decentralization plan for land affairs to enhance efficiency, transparency and service delivery, while ensuring uniformity and integrity of the land administration system; and (b) improve land tenure security by issuing secure titles to eligible land owners and building mechanisms for dispute resolution. *Appraisal mission completed. Negotiations are scheduled for mid-January 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: I64728. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). PHRD-financed consulting services have already finished project preparation work. Ministry of Home Affairs/National Land Agency (BPN), Jl. Sisingamangaraja No. 2, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 722-8723, 722-8724, Fax: (62-21) 726-7531, Contact: Dr. Lutfi I. Nasution, Vice Chairman, National Land Agency

Catchment Protection: The objective of the project is development of participatory and community-based public forest land conservation modalities and sustainable income-generating incentives for selected pilot areas in the Java upper watersheds. The pilot would focus on three to four selected river basins in three provinces on Java with each pilot area typically being about 200 Ha each. Selection of the pilot areas would be done on the basis of: (a) a demonstration by district government that it is proactive in promoting good governance by empowering farmers; (b) a clear recognition among the main stakeholders (notably the Balai PSDA and downstream water users) about the externalities of poor management of the upper catchment; (c) evidence of community-based forest management and (d) genuine demand from farmers. Each organization would be supported by a facilitating NGO and technically through an extension team at sub-district level to assist them to design and implement their watershed management plan, which is likely to include agro-forestry activities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 3.2 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Home Affairs, Jl. Medan Merdeka Utara No. 7, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 345-3079/0919, Fax: (62-21) 352-4043, Contact: Dr. Ir. Siti Nurbaya Bakar MSc., Secretary General

Sustaining Microfinance: The project will provide capacity building to the community-managed microfinance units (CMFUs) and participating banks (PFIs) that are accredited based on eligibility criteria, and promote links among them to increase outreach to rural areas. The project will also provide a line of credit to eligible private financial institutions to be onlent to borrowers, and grants as seed capital to newly established CMFUs that have completed the socialization process and proper training in credit management. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$20.0/40.0 (IBRD/IDA). Request for proposals is under preparation. Consultants will be required for feasibility study, household survey and social/environmental impact assessment. PHRD grant is being used by the government. Ministry of Finance/Commercial Bank/Ministry of Home Affairs, Building A, 5th Floor, Jl. Dr. Wahidin No. 1, Jakarta 10710 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 384-8305, Fax: (62-21) 384-7473, E-mail: sbguritno@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Sri Bagus Guritno, Head of Section Investment for Banking Sector, Directorate of Onlending Management

Water Resources and Irrigation Sector Management (Ln. 4711-IND, Cr. 3807-IND): The objectives of the project are to (a) develop and build the capacity of Irrigation Water User Associations (WUAS) and District Irrigation Agencies; (b) establish local Irrigation Improvement Funds for irrigation facilities and for rehabilitation and completion of canals for irrigation schemes; (c) support an irrigation and agricultural extension program; (d) build the capacity of River Basin Management Units; and (e) finance river improvement work. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 59931. US\$ 45.0/25.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants for preparation have been selected, and negotiations are in progress. Directorate General for Water Resources, Ministry of Settlement and Regional Infrastructure,

Pattimura 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 739-3006, Contact: Jl. Ir. Md. Hasan, Director; Ministry of Home Affairs and National Planning Agency, Directorate Technical Guidance, Ministry of Settlement and Regional Infrastructure

Social Protection

Support of Conflict-Ridden Areas: The objective of the project is to help the government develop and pilot strategies to support transition to longer-term development in post-conflict areas. The project will achieve this objective through three types of activities: (a) strengthening community-led planning and dispute resolution processes; (b) re-starting the delivery of health and education services and (c) promoting private investment and job creation. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 45.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Jl. Mangonsarkoro 5, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-816) 36407, Fax: (62-21) 352-4043, E-mail: twiranto@dnet.com. Contact: Ir. Tatag Wiranto, Director, Community and Rural Empowerment

Transportation

Marine Electronic Highway Demonstration: The objective of the project is to demonstrate the feasibility of implementing a Marine Electronic Highway (MEH) in the Malacca straits. The MEH Demonstration project will constitute a first stage of the MEH whose goals are to improve navigational efficiency, reduce the risk of environmental damage, and increase the sustainability of coastal and marine protection measures. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 11.7 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. International Maritime Organization, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR, United Kingdom, Tel: (44-207) 587-3210, Fax: (44-207) 587-3119, E-mail: info@imo.org, Contact: Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Director, Marine Environment Division

Second Eastern Indonesia Region Transport: The project consists of: (a) civil works that cover a three-year slice of transport needs in the Eastern Indonesia Region (EIR) with emphasis on provincial and kabupaten roads and river transport, as well as improving access to ports and airports and other major traffic generators; (b) road safety, including civil works for accident black spots, vehicle weights and dimensions, and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups; (c) implementation support comprising extension of the services of the core team consultants, regional team consultants and design and supervision consultants under the current Eastern Indonesia Region Transport Project; and (d) technical assistance, tentatively expected to include additional environmental studies regarding socioeconomic impacts of roads and isolated vulnerable indigenous people, development of comprehensive transport plans for some of the eastern islands support of the road transport industry, phase 2 of training for both the construction industry training center (PUSLATJAKONS) and the Directorate General of Regional Infrastructure (DGRI), and technical support for the provinces and kabupaten/ kotas in the EIR. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 74290. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for implementation support and technical assistance. Directorate General of Regional Infrastructure, Ministry of Settlement and Regional Infrastructure, Jalan Pattimura 20, Jakarta, Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 720-1760, E-mail: eirtp@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Hatta Latief, EIRTP Officer in Charge, Directorate of Technical Affairs

Strategic Roads Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to provide improved road conditions and capacity along key traffic corridors to support economic growth. It consists of: a) betterment of existing roads and expansion of capacity through widening of the existing roads or construction of new ones along congested key traffic corridors and subjecting those roads to traffic safety audits; b) implementation support for design, supervision and preparation of environmental, social and land acquisition and resettlement action plans, and c) road sector support in the forms of training and technical assistance, including in finance and management. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services are required a) to prepare the project

b) design and supervision of environmental assessments and action plans and land acquisition and resettlement action plans and c) technical assistance still to be defined. Ministry of Settlements and Regional Infrastructure Project, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan, 12110, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 720-0281, 727-6581, Fax: (62-21) 720-1760, 727-9232, E-mail: skoesno@kimpraswil.go.id, nelson@kimpraswil.go.id, Contacts: Mr. Soedarmadji Koesno, Director of Technical Affairs, Mr. Nelson Siregar, Director of Technical Affairs

Urban Development

(N) Urban Water and Sanitation Improvement and Expansion: The objective of the project is to improve and expand the delivery of water supply and sanitation services by strengthening the local provision of those services in an operationally efficient and financially sustainable manner. The project will finance investments aimed at improving water services and extending their coverage into unserved urban and peri-urban areas. The project will also pilot in three cities the main-streaming of community-based initiatives to expand coverage of wastewater collection and treatment. Concept review meeting was scheduled for 24 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Settlements and Regional Infrastructure, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 727-96155/58, Fax: (62-21) 727-96155, E-mail: budiman@kimpraswil.go.id, Contact: Mr. Budiman Arif, Director General of Urban and Rural Development

Urban Local Government Reform: The objective of the project is to make urban local governments more efficient and effective in meeting the needs of their citizens in the context of the new decentralization laws. It will consist of a system of loans and grants to local governments accompanied by a negotiated package of reforms that foster local responsibility, accountability, performance and ownership. Technical assistance to build local government capacity to deliver on their new responsibilities and improve accountability to citizens will also be provided. The total program cost is estimated at US\$ 309.0, with US\$ 24.0 in a possible first phase of an Adaptable Program Loan. The bulk of the program will be subsidiary loans and grants to local governments for capital expenditure, initially for basic infrastructure services. Appraisal is scheduled for April 2004, with negotiations following in June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 71296. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Settlement and Regional Development, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 712-805, Fax: (62-21) 739-2563, Contact: H.E. Dr. Ir. Soenarno, Dipl. HE, Minister of Settlement & Regional Infrastructure

Urban Water Supply and Sanitation: The project will have three main components: water supply, sewerage and sanitation, and institutional capacity building. (a) Water supply - Construction of new systems, source works, and investments to facilitate private sector participation in water utilities; (b) Sewerage and Sanitation - Investments in household toilets, on-site sanitation systems, sewerage systems; (c) Institutional Capacity Building - Technical assistance to facilitate the formation of Water User Groups at the community level, training LG/PDAM staff to plan and manage the water utilities and local environmental concerns in a sustainable manner, assist the government in operationalizing a water regulatory framework, and undertake feasibility studies to prepare water supply and sanitation projects. Preappraisal is scheduled for April 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 60668. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Settlements and Regional Infrastructure (Kimpraswil), Jl. Pattimura 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta 12110, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 722-1772, Contact: Ir. Budiman Arif, Director General, Directorate General of Urban and Rural Development

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Education

(R) Second Education: The objective of the project is achievement of universal completion of primary education by increasing pri-

mary school enrollment and completion in the 19 poorest districts of the six poorest provinces. Appraisal completed. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for *end-October 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78113. US\$ 7.9/4.8 (IDA/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Lanexabg Ave., Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 217-795, Fax: (856-21) 216-006, Contact: Mr. Lytuo Bouapao, Director, Department of Planning and Cooperation

Energy and Mining

Southern Provinces Rural Electrification II: The objective of the project is to improve living standards and increase income opportunities for about 80,000 rural households by providing them with electricity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services are needed during project preparation for the following activities: socioeconomic survey and rural electrification database; distribution system loss reduction; tariff study; rural electrification framework; power sector financing strategy; and project preparation of physical components. Electricite du Laos, Nong Bone Rd., BP 309, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 451-519, Fax: (856-21) 415-039, E-mail: somphone@edl-laos.com, Contact: Mr. Somphone Simmalavong, Officer; Ministry of Industry and Handicraft, Nong Bone Rd., BP 4708, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 415-037, 413-012, Fax: (856-21) 413-013, E-mail: houmphon@laotel.com, Contact: Mr. Houmphone Bulyaphol, Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health II: The project will support health sector development with a focus on human and financial resources to improve sector performance and, ultimately, improve people's health, especially among the underserved population. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Simuang Rd., PO Box 2236, Vientiane Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 214-009, Fax: (856-21) 214-508, E-mail: Pcumoh@Laotel.Com, Contact: Dr. Sisamone Keola, Head of Preparation Team, Health II and PCU Director, Health System Reform and Malaria Control Project

Rural Development

(R) Land Titling II (Cr. 3801-LA): The objective of the project is to assist the government in implementing the second phase of the long-term Land Titling Program by improving land tenure security and promoting the development of efficient land markets. *The credit was signed on 4 September 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75006. US\$ 14.8 (IDA). Consulting services are required for *implementation*. Department of Lands, Ministry of Finance, That Luang Rd., PO Box 46, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 213-809, Fax: (856-21) 222-548, E-mail: landtitl@laotel.com, Contact: Mr. Siphandoue Sihovong, Project Director

(R) Sustainable Forestry (Cr. 3802-LA): The project would introduce sustainable production management over natural forests in four south and central provinces. It would encompass activities in administration of commercial production forestry in partnership with local communities and local levels of government, project management and sectoral monitoring and control, including measures aimed at reducing and controlling illegal and uncontrolled logging. The project would not directly finance logging. *The credit was signed on 4 September 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 64886. US\$ 9.9 (IDA). Consulting services for preparation have been concluded. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Department of Planning, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 415-359, Fax: (856-21) 415-363, E-mail: maf@laogov.net, Contact: H.E. Siene Saphantong, Minister

Transportation

Provincial and Rural Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to stimulate economic and social development by improving accessibility to markets, jobs, education and health services, and by providing access to water and sanitation to meet basic health and hygiene for small towns and rural population. The project will provide basic rural infrastructure and help develop managerial, technical, and

administrative capacity to plan, budget, manage and monitor investments and maintenance activities effectively. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 18.0 (IDA). Consulting services are required for preparation. Ministry of Communications, Transport, Post and Construction (MCTPC), Lane Xang Ave., Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 412-741, Fax: (856-21) 414-132, E-mail: sommad@laotel.com, Contact: Sommad Pholsena, General Director, Department of Roads; Provincial governments of Attapu, Xekong, Houaphan, and Phongsali

Mongolia

Law and Justice

(R) Economic Capacity Building Technical Assistance (Cr. 3803-MOG): (formerly under Public Sector Management) The project will improve the institutional framework and organizational capacity of the executive branch, to enhance its transparency, accountability, integrity, effectiveness, efficiency, service quality and responsiveness. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77778. US\$ 7.5 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Negdsen Undestnii St., 5/1, Government Bldg. No.2, Room 203, Ulaanbaatar 210646, Mongolia, Tel/Fax: (976-11) 320-247, Contact: Mr. Sandadorj, Head of Fiscal Policy Department

(R) Poverty Reduction Strategy Credit: (formerly under Public Sector Management) The project is the first of the three supporting implementation of the poverty reduction strategy. The objective of the project is to develop and implement policies and structural reforms that are consistent with and supportive of the country's overall economic development strategy in a sequenced and phased manner. It will do this in the form of general budgetary support. Timing will be synchronized with the budget cycle to the extent possible. Project concept review was scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Negdsen Undestnii St., 5/1, Government Building No.2, Room 203, Ulaanbaatar 210646, Mongolia, Tel/Fax: (976-11) 320-247, Contact: Mr. Sandadorj, Head of Fiscal Policy Department

Transportation

Transport and Communication: The objective of the project is to reduce the cost of domestic trade. The project will finance key roads and transport facilities in Ulaanbaatar. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Infrastructure, Department of Transport, Road, Information, Communication and Tourism, and Policy and Coordination, Tel: (976-11) 326-119, Fax: (976-11) 310-503, Contact: Dr. Javchig Sereeter, General Director

Water and Sanitation

Second Ulaanbaatar Services Improvement: The project will (a) improve basic services in Ulaanbaatar's priority Ger areas and upgrade water supply and sanitation in the City; and (b) develop mechanism for sustainable management of services in the Gers. The objectives would be achieved through: (a) providing basic facilities for water, sanitation, and transport services in Ger areas, (b) upgrading performance of entire water supply sewerage system, and (c) enhancement of management capabilities of implementing institutions, including generation of financing adequate for sustainable operation and maintenance of suburb services. Decision meeting was scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74591. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Ulaanbaatar, MUB, Sukhbaatar Square-11, Ulaanbaatar - 46, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 325-060, Fax: (976-11) 32433, Contact: Mr. Choipog Bat, Chief of Economy and Strategic Policy Department

Papua New Guinea

Transportation

Highlands Highway: The project will rehabilitate the 600 km Highlands Highway between Lae and Mendi and support the establishment of an authority to manage roads in PNG with reliable funding arrangements, and implementation of a program to reduce HIV/AIDS caused by mobility provided by the improved highway. Preparation of the PAD is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 59066. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). A consulting firm completed, in March 2002, the preparation of engineering, environmental, land acquisition/resettlement, economic, institutional and financing aspects of the project. Consulting services will be required for project supervision and management and for support of the proposed Highlands Highway Authority as well as for management of the HIV/AIDS component of the project. Department of Works, PO Box 1108, Boroko NCD, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 324-1343, Fax: (675) 324-1277, E-mail: roymumu@daltron.com.pg, Contact: Mr. Roy Mumu, Deputy Secretary (Technical)

Philippines

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Power: (formerly under Power) The project will support the implementation of the National Energy Plan through (a) investment support to provide selected rural areas with reliable electricity supply in a sustainable manner, including, as appropriate, environmentally friendly renewable energy; and (b) technical assistance and training for capacity building to improve the sector performance and to remove barriers from renewable energy development. This operation will be financed through an adaptable program loan (APL), and the first phase of the APL is expected to support investments directed at achieving visible results on the ground within a relatively short term. Retroactive financing is proposed. *Negotiations were completed on 2 September 2003. Board presentation is scheduled for 16 October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 66397. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for the technical assistance and training component. Department of Energy, Energy Center, Merrit Rd., Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 844-1021 to 40, Fax: (63-2) 818-8614, E-mail: rquejas@doe.gov.ph, Contact: Ms. Mylene Carpongcol, Assistant Director, Electric Power Industry Administration Bureau

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Laguna de Bay Institutional Strengthening and Community Participation: The objective of the project is to improve environmental quality and sustainable management of Laguna de Bay by modifying the behavior of watershed users (communities, local government units, and private sector entities) to adopt sound practices in response to institutional and regulatory reforms; economic incentives; stakeholder participation; and investments. The project will assist the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) with pilot approaches to: a) improving compliance by targeted watershed users; b) deepening community involvement in watershed activities in selected micro-watersheds and c) leveraging its revenues to obtain additional financing for environmental improvement investments. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for 29 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70899. US\$ 6.0 (IBRD) Consulting services to be determined. Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), Rizal Provincial Capitol Compound, Pasig City, Philippines, Tel: (632) 637-9748, Fax: (632) 637-9054, E-mail: ppdd@llda.gov.ph, Contact: Dolora N. Nepomuceno, Assistant General Manager

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Reform: The objective of the project is to support implementation of the five components of the Department of Health's Health Sector Reform Agenda (HSRA), which are health insurance, local health systems development, hospital development, public health services and health regulation (especially for drugs). The project will also help build capacity at the national level to support reforms at the local level. This will be done at four sites, with particular

attention to ensuring improved access for the poor. Through this project, the Bank will participate in the department's efforts to organize international donor assistance under the umbrella of the HSR. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75464. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required in the areas of health system management, planning and financing, social health insurance, social marketing (for health insurance), training in health services management and social health insurance, licensing of drug retailers, drug pricing and retailing, monitoring, and evaluation. Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Ave., Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (632) 781-8843, Fax: (632) 781-8843, E-mail: bihc@central.doh.gov.ph, Contact: Dr. Ma. Virginia Guzman-Ala, Head

Second Women's Health and Safe Motherhood: The project will support Government's continuing efforts to promote the health of women and, through them, their children. Three key components of Women's Health services will receive special focus under the project — (i) family planning, (ii) RTI/STD/HIV/AIDS prevention, and (iii) emergency obstetrical care. These three services will be delivered as an integrated package at each level of the health care system (community-based, facility-based and national centers of excellence), and appropriate, to ensure that all women have access to quality services as they are needed. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79628. US\$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Unified Project Management Division (UPMD), Department of Health, GF Bldg. 3, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 781-8843, Fax: (63-2) 781-8843, E-mail: bihc@doh.gov.ph, Contact: Dr. Ma. Virginia Guzman-Ala, Head

Law and Justice

(R) Judicial Reform Support (Ln. 7191-PH): *(formerly under Public Sector Management)* The project will support the Philippines Action Plan for Judicial Reform: 2001-2006 through (a) reforms of judicial systems and procedures; (b) institutional development; (c) human resources development; (d) reform of support systems (e.g., public information); (e) institutional integrity; and (f) access to justice. Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 66076. US\$ 21.9 (IBRD). Consulting services have been hired under a PHRD grant to support preparation of this operation. Supreme Court, Padre Faura, Manila 1000, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 522-9578, 521-8024, Fax: (63-2) 522-9586, Contact: Chief Justice Hilario G. Davide, Jr.

(R) Public Finance Strengthening: *(formerly under Public Sector Management)* The purpose of the project is to support continuing implementation of policy reforms to improve the management of public sector finances. There are three key aspects: strengthening public expenditure and financial management to improve resource use, strengthening resource mobilization, to increase public revenues, and containing contingent liabilities and fiscal risks. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75335. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Finance, Tel: (632) 521-2948, Fax: (632) 521-2948, Contact: Ms. Juanita Amatong, Under Secretary, Department of Finance

(R) Public Sector Strengthening: *(formerly under Public Sector Management)* The objective of the project is to improve governance, combat poverty and improve the delivery of basic services through: (a) streamlining public administration; (b) strengthening the management and poverty focus of public expenditures; (c) controlling the fiscal weight of the wage bill and enhancing civil service quality and accountability; and (d) strengthening monitoring and evaluation capacity Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78068. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services, to be financed by a US\$ 1.1 PHRD grant, are required to prepare reports, recommendations, strategies and action plans for: (a) functional and efficiency reviews of central departments; (b) improving the macroeconomic, fiscal and sector expenditure frameworks and linkages among different planning tiers; (c) civil service pay and employment reform and (d) improving implementation of the medium-term expenditure framework and program evaluation. Consulting services are also

required to assist the government with implementation and coordination of the PHRD grant. Department of Budget and Management, Government of the Philippines, Department of Budget and Management, Ground Fl., Building I, General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 735-4934, Fax: (63-2) 735-4961, E-mail: lpascua@dbm.gov.ph, Contact: Ms. Laura B. Pascua, Undersecretary, Department of Budget and Management

Rural Development

(R) Land Administration and Management II: The objectives of the project are to (a) improve land tenure security, (b) facilitate the development of land markets, and (c) increase government revenues from property taxes. The project will include formulating land policy and regulation, and developing land titling and registration systems. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73206. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Visayas Ave., Dilliman, Quezon City 1100 Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 925-2328, Fax: (63-2) 925-2328, E-mail: lamp@denr.gov.ph, Contact: Ms. Mylene Albano, Executive Director

Community Managed Agrarian Reform Program (LII): The objective of the project is to support the expanded piloting and development of an improved modality of land reform aimed at speeding up and reducing the cost of implementing the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), and improving agricultural productivity. The project builds on a current mechanism of voluntary land transfer and direct payments to: (a) empower, through technical assistance and training, landless farmers and farm workers to choose and acquire agricultural lands from landowners through a land purchasing scheme that relies on negotiations between willing buyers and willing sellers in a decentralized administration; (b) increase the productivity of the acquired lands; and (c) improve the welfare of the land reform beneficiaries by building on relevant lessons and experiences from the ongoing earlier project. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78252. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Agrarian Reform, FAPSO Building, DAR Compound, Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 951-5981, Fax: (63-2) 454-2027, E-mail: josemarip@dar.gov.ph, Contact: Jose Mari B. Ponce, Assistant Secretary

Diversified Farm Income and Market Development: The objective of the project is to create an environment conducive to diversification, driven primarily by market demand among the various stakeholders, rather than by supply incentives. It would aim to address impediments to diversifying agriculture, such as weak institutional structures, and to enhance relationships (in financing, trade and commodity policies, marketing, post-harvest processing, devolved research and extension delivery, and local infrastructure) that would tend to attract reliable sources of long-term private sector investments in the sector. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75184. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services for project preparation has been procured and mobilized in June 2003. Department of Agriculture, Room 301, 3rd Floor, Department of Agriculture Bldg., Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 928-8741 Ext. 333, E-mail: fredsp@pacific.net.ph, Contact: Assistant Secretary Segfredo Serrano, Policy and Planning

River Basin and Watershed Management: The objectives of the project are to enhance livelihoods and improve natural resources management by (a) promoting coordinated and sustainable demand-driven development activities supporting increased economic and agricultural production and rural incomes and a sustainable resource base, (b) conducting pilot work on comprehensive water resources planning and management in the Bicol River Basin and, at the national level, (c) developing capacity for integrated water resources management and future investment, through the preparation of integrated watershed development plans in Manila and Cebu by strategic water resources task forces to be created for this purpose. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 64974. US\$ 21.6 (IBRD). Consultants have completed the Bicol River

Basin Master Plan and Framework. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Manila and Region V, DENR Bldg., Rawis, Legaspi City, Albay, Tel: (63-52) 214-3886, E-mail: denrtd5@globalink.net.ph; Contact: Mr. Oscar M. Hamada, Regional Executive Director

Urban Development

Manila Third Sewerage: The objective of the project is to improve sewerage and sanitation conditions in the East Zone of Metro Manila Concession Area. It follows upon the Manila Second Sewerage Project. Initial sub-projects include: a) Taguig sewerage system; b) Riverbanks sewage treatment plants; c) septage treatment plants; d) sanitation for low-income communities; e) Camp Atienza sewerage system; f) upgrade of existing sanitation systems; and g) upgrade of settlement areas in water and sewerage rights-of-way. Concept review was scheduled for 30 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 79661. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, 4/F Administration Building, MWSS Complex, Katipunan Rd., Quezon City, Philippines, Tel/Fax: (63-2) 921-2887, Contact: Mr. Bobby Cleofas, Project Management Officer

Urban Shelter and Community Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to assist the government to develop a financially, socially and institutionally sustainable approach to improving the living conditions of the urban poor living in un-serviced slum and squatter settlements. The project will support pilot schemes that will test various concepts that need to be resolved before a larger program can be implemented. Components include: community infrastructure upgrading, home improvement loans, study of the Community Mortgage Program, and technical assistance to participating agencies. Decision Meeting is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77515. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.25 has been approved for project preparation. Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, Makati City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 811-4116, Fax: (63-2) 811-4158, Contact: Lucille Ortile, Deputy Secretary

Samoa

Transportation

(R) Second Infrastructure Asset Management: (formerly under *Infrastructure*) The objective of the project is to help change the role of government in the delivery and management of infrastructure services in the three priority sub-sectors, air transport, road transport and coastal protection. It will also meet high priority physical investment needs in these sub-sectors to support and protect national economic growth and quality of life. Decision meeting was scheduled for 18 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75523. US\$ 9.6 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Works, Private Mail Bag, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 20865/21611, Contact: Mr. Vaelua Nofo Vaelua, Director of Works, Director General; Department of Lands Survey and Environment, Private Mail Bag, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 22481/25019, Contact: Dr. Ieti Taulealo, Director; Samoa Airport Authority, Private Bag, Faleolo International Airport, Apia, Samoa, Contact: Mr. Rimoni Aifi, General Manager

Thailand

Transportation

(R) Highways Management: The objective of the project is to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department of Highways (DOH) to deliver, maintain and manage its road assets. Furthermore, the project will reduce traffic accidents and fatalities on the national highways and enhance private sector participation in road operations. New methods of maintaining roads through long-term, performance-based contracts with the private sector will be introduced on a pilot basis. Board presentation is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75173. US\$ 85.0 (IBRD). Consulting services for implementation to be determined. Department of Highways, Sri Ayutthaya Rd., Bangkok 10400, Thailand,

Tel: (66-2) 245-5501, Fax: (66-2) 245-8335, Contact: Mr. Jaruk Anupongse, Director General

Timor-Leste

Law and Justice

(R) Transitional Support Program II (H061-TP): (formerly under *Public Sector Management*) The objectives of the project are to strengthen good governance, improve service delivery for poverty reduction, focusing on health and education, and bolster job creation, especially through private sector development and agriculture. *The grant was signed on 5 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82190. US\$ 4.1 (IDA Grant). Consultants have been identified.* Ministry of Planning and Finance, GPA Compound, Dili, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670-390) 333-9510, E-mail: minfinance@yahoo.com, abassarewan@mopf.gov.tp, Contact: Ms. Aicha Bassarewaram, Vice Minister

Tonga

Education

First Education: The objective of the project is to improve educational service delivery and enhance educational quality. Project activities and sub-sectors to be targeted are yet to be decided. Project identification is expected in early 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Nukua'lofa, Tonga, Tel: (676) 23511, Fax: (676) 23596, Contact: Mr. Viliami Takau, Director of Education

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Sector Support (Cr. 3814-TON): The project will support the government's health sector reform through (a) strengthening health care financing; (b) improving health information management; and (c) improving the quality of Vaiola Hospital. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 July 2003. Grant signing was scheduled for 23 September 2003. *Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75230. US\$ 10.9 (IDA).* Consulting services will be required in the areas of project management, institutional strengthening and capacity building as well as architectural and engineering technical assistance for the renovation of the Vailo Hospital. Ministry of Health, PO Box 59, Nuku'lofa, Tonga, Tel: (676) 23200, Fax: (676) 24291, E-mail: soakai@kalianet.to, Contact: Mr. Taniela Sunia Soakai, Senior Health Planning Officer

Vietnam

Economic Management

Poverty Reduction Support III: The project will build on recent reforms and support further progress in structural and other key policy areas. The overall framework is provided by the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy (CPRGS), which is the country's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper. Project processing is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. State Bank of Vietnam, 49 Ly Thai To St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-3361, Fax: (84-4) 825-0612, E-mail: fdsby@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Duc Thuy, Governor

Education

(R) Second Higher Education: The objectives of the project are to: (a) provide incentives for integrating university training and research to improve the relevance of universities to changing economic and social needs; (b) improve the technical and professional capacity of higher education staff and graduates; and (c) promote national and international cooperation to achieve regional and international recognition for standards of training and research. *Concept review completed. Appraisal mission was tentatively scheduled for late September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training, 49 Dai Co, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 869-2479, Contact: Tran Van Nhung, Vice Minister

(R) Towards Basic Education Completion: The objective of the project is to establish a policy framework in education management

and finance that will act as an enabling environment to promote expanded educational access and improved service delivery. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training, Suite 406, Tu Phap, Phan Ke Binh St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel/Fax: (84-4) 762-8946, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Quoc Chi, Coordinator

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Energy II: (formerly under Power) The objectives of the project are to improve access to good quality, affordable electricity services to rural communities, in an efficient and sustainable manner. This would be achieved through: (a) repair and maintenance of the existing rural power network in about 1,000 communes and connection of about 200 new communes to the national grid; (b) conversion of ad hoc local management systems in about 1,000 communes to local distribution utilities (LDUs) in legal forms like companies/cooperatives; (c) improved management of power distribution in rural areas for better access by communes in the remote and isolated areas and (d) institution building assistance for implementation of the national strategy for rural electrification. The project is expected to provide improved access to energy to about 1 million households, including many living in some of the poorest communes identified in the government's special commune program. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 220.0/7.0 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry, Electricity of Vietnam, 18 Tran Nguyen Han St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 825-5659, Fax: (84-4) 824-9462, E-mail: tienptt@evn.com.vn, Contact: Mr. Dao Van Hung, General Director; Ministry of Industry, 54 Hai Ba Trung St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-9411, Fax: (84-4) 934-9412, E-mail: bqlppi-bcn@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Hoang Trung Hai, Minister

Finance

Second Payment System and Bank Modernization: This project aims at upgrading and expanding (a) the use of the Inter-Bank Payment System (IBPS) operated by the State Bank of Vietnam by increasing the number of provincial processing centers and connecting all banks and branches operating, and (b) the commercial banks' intra-bank payment system and client support services system by increasing the number of applications and rolling out the system to several more branches per commercial bank. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. The State Bank of Vietnam, 28 Nguyen Chi Thanh, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 733-0488, Fax: (84-4) 834-5180, E-mail: pdalnh@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Dr. Ta Quang Tien, General Director, Information Technology Department

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Fund for Poor: The project will finance health services for the poor in selected provinces while piloting mechanisms to ensure that financing will be self-sustaining. Project identification completed. Concept review was scheduled for 7 October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 846-4914, Fax: (84-4) 846-4051, Contact: Mr. Duong Huy Lieu, Director, Planning and Finance Department

(R) Mekong Region Health Support: The objective of the project is to enhance the health services system with a policy framework and better institutional capacity for improved quality of hospital care and prevention as well as stronger mechanisms for financing catastrophic curative care for the poor. Project identification completed. Concept review was scheduled for 7 October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 47.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 846-4914, Fax: (84-4) 846-4051, Contact: Mr. Duong Huy Lieu, Director of Planning and Finance Department

HIV/AIDS Prevention: The objective of the project is to strengthen the HIV/AIDS program to slow its spread and mitigate its effects on socio-economic development. The project will support: (a) local programs for prevention, (b) behavioral change communications initiatives;

(c) strengthening of health services delivery for HIV/AIDS and (d) capacity building. The project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 846-4914, Fax: (84-4) 846-4051, Contact: Mr. Duong Huy Lieu, Director of Planning and Finance Department

Information and Communication

(R) E-Government: (formerly under Public Sector Management) The objective of the project is to accelerate information communication technology development in Vietnam. The project will promote public sector efficiency and transparency, access, with emphasis in rural areas, and national and international E-commerce, which will lead to job creation. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing Agency to be determined.

Law and Justice

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 3804-VN): (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The objective of the project is to support further progress in the structural issues (covered by PRSC I) in the areas of Private Sector Development, Banking Sector Reform, Trade Reform, and Public Expenditure Improvement. It is also expected to support other key policy areas, such as human development and improvement of public administration. The overall framework for the second PRSC II is provided by the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy (CPRGS), the Vietnamese PRSP. The credit was signed on 15 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 75398. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. State Bank of Vietnam, 49 Ly Thai To St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-3361, Fax: (84-4) 825-0612, E-mail: fdsbv@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Duc Thuy, Governor

Public Sector Governance

Customs Modernization: The program aims at assisting in trade reform, revenue collection, foreign trade statistics collection, community protection and meeting international obligations. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 8 Phan Huy Chu St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 824-0437, Fax: (84-4) 826-2266, E-mail: toanba@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Sinh Hung, Minister

Rural Development

(R) Forest Sector Development: The project would support (a) forest policy and institutional reform; (b) forest land allocation and issuance of land use certificates; (c) sustainable forest development and management through promotion of forest plantations and small-scale tree growing by farmers, communities, mass organizations and private sector; (d) conservation fund for improving management effectiveness of protected areas; and (e) project management. Project preparation completed. Decision Meeting was tentatively scheduled for 25 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 66051. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consulting requirements to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2 Ngoc Ha, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 843-8689, Fax: (84-4) 843-8793, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Quang Duong, Vice Director, Department of Forestry Development

(R) Water Resources Assistance: The project is a national program to support: (a) irrigation modernization and reform; (b) dam safety and (c) integrated water resources development in the Thu Bon Basin (located near Da Nang in the Central Coast). Preappraisal mission completed. Decision Meeting was tentatively scheduled for 29 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 65898. US\$ 130.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2 Ngoc Ha St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 733-0782, Fax: (84-4) 824-7133, Contact: Mr. Pham Hong Giang, Vice Minister

Natural Disasters Mitigation: The objectives of the project are to save lives and protect economic assets and outputs, especially for the poor, who are often the most vulnerable to natural hazards. This would

be achieved by: (a) preventing natural disaster impacts; (b) improving government policies and strengthening national and local institutions in preparedness response and long term recovery from natural disasters; and (c) restoring basic infrastructure in case of a major disaster and providing assistance to affected poor people. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 73361. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ngoc Ha, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 843-7520, Fax: (84-4) 733-0752, Contact: Dr. Le Van Minh, Director General Management Unit

Transportation

(R) Road Network Improvement: The purpose of this project is to establish a sustainable institutional and financial framework for the maintenance of the national road network. The specific objectives are to: (a) improve the condition of selected portions of the national road network to enable an efficient provision of transport services and preservation of road assets; (b) implement a user-based mechanism for improved mobilization of funds for road maintenance; and (c) strengthen the road agencies' capacity to preserve the national road asset base and increase the efficiency of their operations. *Post-appraisal mission completed. Negotiations are scheduled for November 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 59663. US\$ 225.0 (IDA). Consulting services are required for preparation and implementation. A PHRD grant was approved for project preparation, and consulting services are under way. Project Management Unit, No. 18 (PMU18), So1, Duong 19-8, Mai Dich, Cau Giay, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 768-0063, Fax: (84-4) 768-0072, E-mail: pid1pmu18@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Bui Tien Dung, General Director; Vietnam Road Administration (VRA), 106 Thai Thinh, Dong Da, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 857-1446, Fax: (84-4) 857-1440, E-mail: vroada@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Thieu Dang Khoa, Chairman, VRA

Urban Development

Urban Upgrading: The main objectives of the project are to help alleviate poverty in urban areas by improving the living and environmental conditions of the urban poor using participatory planning methods, and influencing planning processes to become more inclusive and pro-poor. It will focus on Haiphong, Ho Chi Minh City, Can Tho and Nam Dinh. Preappraisal completed. Appraisal mission is scheduled for December 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 70197. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant is financing consulting services to (a) assist government review and develop policies relating to urban upgrading; and (b) prepare detailed engineering for tertiary infrastructure improvements in low income areas (contract signed). A second PHRD grant is financing consulting services for detailed design of primary and secondary infrastructure and preparation of a Resettlement Action Plan and an Environmental Impact Assessments Plan (EIA). The PHRD grants total US\$ 1.8. Ministry of Construction, 37 Le Dai Hanh St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 976-0478, Fax: (84-4) 976-2153, E-mail: urban-upgrading.moc@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Le Trong Binh, Deputy Director, Department of Architecture and Rural and Urban Planning, MOC; Ho Chi Minh City Project Management Unit (PMU), 25 Pham Ngoc Thach, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 824-6500, Fax: (84-4) 824-6499, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Hoang Nham, PMU Director; Can Tho PMU, 61 Phan Dinh Phung, Can Tho City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-71) 823-917, Fax: (84-71) 823-918, Mr. Phung Kim Chau, PMU Director; Nam Dinh PMU, 10 Tran Dang Ninh, Nam Dinh City, Vietnam, Tel/Fax: (84-350) 864-451, Contact: Mr. Bui Van Que, PMU Director; Hai Phong PMU, 32 Ly Tu Trong St., Hai Phong City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-31) 842-314, Fax: (84-31) 842-021, Contact: Mr. Pham Vu Cau, PMU Director

Water and Sanitation

Coastal Cities Environmental Sanitation: The objectives of the project are (a) sustained improvements to public health, particularly for poor residents, and (b) increased growth and economic development. This would be achieved by reducing the incidence of flooding, reversing environmental degradation, and strengthening the capacity of the urban environmental companies (URENCOs)

responsible for operating and maintaining sanitation services in the provincial cities of Nha Trang, Phan Thiet, Quy Nhon and Tuy Hoa. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 120.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Construction and Municipal and Provincial Water Companies, Management Board of Water Supply and Sanitation Development Projects, 37 Le Dai Hanh St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (844) 976-1852, Fax: (844) 821-5428, E-mail: dactn@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Ph.D. Pham Ngoc Thai, Director

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to provide essential water and sanitation infrastructure to poor people in rural areas. The project is the first in a possible series of investments that would be designed to conform to and support Vietnam's National Rural Water and Sanitation Strategy and directly contribute to achieving the national targets of 85% water supply coverage and 70% sanitation access in rural areas by 2010. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD) Consulting services will be required for project preparation. Expressions of interest are expected to be invited in the first half of 2003. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Center for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, Tel: (844) 835-5821, Fax: (844) 835-5964, E-mail: cerwass@fpt.vn, Contact: Le Van Can, Director

Water Supply Development: The objective of the project is to expand water services to currently unserved households, irrespective of income levels, in both large urban centers and smaller district towns. The project will make funds available to water companies which either achieve pre-defined levels of performance or are willing to commit to the competitive appointment of contractors to design, build and lease facilities. A revolving fund will also be established to allow households to invest in sanitation facilities. Preappraisal is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73763. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Contract with main consultant was signed on 5 June 2003. Additional consultants will be required for further preparation during the implementation phase and also to assist with project management and construction supervision. Ministry of Construction, 37 Le Dai Hanh St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 976 1852 or 974-0090, E-mail: dactn@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Dr. Pham Ngoc Thai, Director, Management Board for Water Supply and Sanitation Projects

South Asia

Afghanistan

Economic Management

(R) Emergency Fiscal Rehabilitation: (formerly under *Structural Adjustment*) The operation will provide quick-disbursing funds that are needed to help the Afghanistan Transitional Administration (ATA) fill an immediate budget financing gap. It provides support for policies that promote and enhance the fiscally responsible management of public resources, including measures to execute the budget in a transparent manner, maintain fiscal discipline, and achieve a sustainable composition of government expenditures as related to pay and employment policy. The project has been placed on reserve status. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-70) 280-706, Contact: Dr. Ashraf Ghani, Minister of Finance and Director, Afghan Assistance Coordination Agency

Energy and Mining

(N) Power Utility Investment and Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to expand access to and improve the quality of electricity service in Kabul and one or two of the following cities: Kandahar, Mazar-i Sharif, Herat and Jalalabad. This will be achieved through rehabilitating and expanding power facilities, initiating the commercialization of the utility, implementing a cost-recovering tar-

iff scheme as part of a comprehensive power sector reform agenda, and enhancing capacity in both the Ministry and power utility. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Power

Finance

Financial Sector Support: The objective of the project is to meet urgent short-term requirements, particularly restoring a basic international and domestic payments system and providing basic retail financial services in secondary cities and outlying areas. In seeking to provide the country with a comprehensive range of financial services, the project will seek to achieve the following outcomes: (a) an independent central bank, and (b) stable, lean and operationally viable state bank(s) that can be privatized by sale to strong strategic partners that meet licensing standards, including the fitness and propriety of owners and managers. Project Appraisal Document is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80810. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Da Afghanistan Bank (Central Bank), Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (873) 7616-14712, Fax: (873) 7616-14713, Contacts: Dr. Anwar-ul-Haq Ahadi, Governor, Dr. A. Qadeer Fitrat, First Deputy Governor, and Mr. Torek Faradi, Senior Adviser to the Governor; Ministry of Finance, Kabul, Afghanistan, Contact: Dr. Ashraf Ghani, Minister

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Partnership for Polio Eradication: The objective of the project is to assist in eliminating polio from the country by the end of 2005. It will support timely supply to the government of about 50 per cent of the additional oral polio vaccine (OPV) needed during 2004-05 for supplemental immunization. IDA will finance the procurement of OPV through UNICEF, an established agency for vaccine procurement that is already procuring the OPV and other vaccines for the country. Appraisal mission was scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-70) 299-369, E-mail: mtmashal@yahoo.com, Contact: Mashal Mohammad Taufiq, National Program Manager, Expanded Program on Immunization

Information and Communication

(R) Emergency Communications: The objectives of the project are to (a) establish a communications network integrating the existing government network and improving coverage to ministries, the central bank, the presidential palace and the provincial capitals; (b) strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Communications; and (c) provide technical assistance and procurement support to the Postal Sector. *Negotiations completed.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83720. US\$ 22.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Communications, Mohammed Jan Khan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-70) 288-917, Contact: Muhammad Aimal Marjan, National Information Technology Policy Adviser

Urban Development

Emergency Urban Reconstruction: The objective of the project is to pilot different ways of improving infrastructure service delivery and shelter in Kabul, Kandahar and Kunduz in order to enhance the quality of life, health status and welfare of the all segments of the population, especially the disadvantaged, and to support economic growth. This will be achieved by supporting the integration of selected neighborhoods into the urban fabric of participating towns by carrying out reconstruction and rehabilitation of basic urban services and enhancing the managerial capacity of the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing and the participating towns. The project will also lay the groundwork for a follow-up project aimed at city-wide infrastructure reconstruction and service delivery. Preparation mission was scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants required for preparation include engineers, planners and specialists in social and community development. Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, 3rd Macrorayan, Kabul, Afghanistan, E-mail: townplanning.afg@

uudp.org, Contact: Hon. N. Saberi, Deputy Minister; various municipalities

Bangladesh

Education

Education Sector Development Support: The objective of the project is to improve governance and performance of the education sector including raising the quality of teachers, curricula and textbooks. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Bhaban 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-4236, Fax: (880-2) 861-7577, Contact: Mr. Md. Shahidul Alam, Secretary

Primary Education Development II: The objective of the project is to sustain achievements gained in educational quality improvement and to deepen assistance directed toward further improving the quality of education. The project anticipates a government request for continued assistance in the basic education sub-sector including help in identifying a better-coordinated assistance strategy and work towards a preliminary evaluation of achievements of all donor projects under the current Primary Education Development Program (PEDP). Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Bhaban 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-2484, Fax: (880-2) 861-8871, Contact: Dr. Tehmina Hussain, Secretary

Energy and Mining

(N) Power Sector Reform Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to create, over the next three years, a sound institutional foundation on which to ramp up, in a sustainable manner, the substantial public and private investments needed for the power sector to enhance its contribution to economic growth and poverty alleviation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 13.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Power Division, Building 6, Room 124, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-0523, Fax: (880-2) 717-3316, Contact: Mr. S. M. Shamsul Alam, Secretary

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health and Population Sector Program II: The objective of the project is to improve the health and family welfare of the most vulnerable women, children and poor of Bangladesh. Preparation review completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 315.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bldg. 3, Rm. 341, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-6979, 861-6708, 861-0469, Fax: (880-2) 861-9077, Contact: Mr. Wahid Khan, Joint Chief, Planning

Private Sector Development

Export Development and Competitiveness: The objectives of the project are to (a) increase policy capacity of the Ministry of Commerce and other institutions on competitiveness; (b) improve governance and facilitate entry of new firms; (c) facilitate the markets for exports and product development; and (d) enhance training capacity. Project is being identified. Project Concept Document is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Commerce, Bhaban 3, Room 135, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-9006, Fax: (880-2) 861-5741, E-mail: mincom@bdonline.com, Contact: Suhel Ahmed Choudhury, Secretary

State Owned Enterprise and Banking Reform: The objective of the project is to trigger reform of state owned enterprises (SOEs) and nationalized commercial banks (NCBs) by: (a) supporting voluntary retirement programs; (b) retraining and counselling retrenched employees; (c) refurbishing closed assets for alternative, private use; (d) strengthening institutions; (e) reforming the NCBs; and (f) boosting public awareness. Project Concept Document has been reviewed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81969.

US\$ 368.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bldg. 7, Room 238, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-0406, Fax: (880-2) 716-5581, E-mail: fsoff@bdmail.net, Contact: Zakir Ahmed Khan, Secretary

Rural Development

Water Management Improvement: The objective of the project is to improve monsoon season water management and services in flood- and cyclone-prone areas by improving sustainability and performance of the existing flood- and cyclone-management infrastructure, establishing an enabling environment by facilitating institutional reform and improvement of the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) and Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO); and enhancing stakeholder participation in planning, implementation, operation and maintenance. Board presentation is scheduled for FY2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40712. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Water Development Board, WAPDA Bldg., Motijheel C/A, WMIP, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh Tel: (880-2) 712-1537, Tel/Fax: (880-2) 712-1540, E-Mail: pd-wsip@accesstel.net, Contact: Mr. Giasuddin A. Chowdhury, Project Director

Transportation

Road Sector Reform: The objective of the project is sustainable delivery of a safe, efficient major road network service. The project will promote sequenced reforms to (a) improve efficiency of public sector investments in roads, (b) institute a more sustainable road maintenance financing arrangement, and (c) improve the Rural Highways Department's (RHD) capacity to manage and operate the major road network. The project will address RHD's network maintenance backlog and safety issues by financing rehabilitation and road safety improvements of about 1000 km of roads and 4,000 m of bridges and improve integration of the network by constructing about 150 km of missing links, including bridges. Preparation mission completed in June 2003. Board presentation is scheduled for May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75346. US\$ 184.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Roads and Highways Department, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 956-2829/0598, Fax: (880-2) 956-2798, E-mail: islamsk@rhdbangladesh.org, Contact: Mr. Rabiul Islam, Chief Engineer

Bhutan

Education

(R) Education Development (Cr. 3820-BHU): The objective of the project is to expand access to primary and secondary education, and improve educational quality at all levels. This program is underpinned by the education sector strategy for achieving the country's Vision 20/20, a framework of development principles to improve quality of life, which was produced after an extensive nationwide consultative process. *The credit was signed on 4 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74114. US\$ 31.0 (IDA). Consultants have been used in preparation. Royal Government of Bhutan, Ministry of Education, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 327-387, Fax: (975-2) 325-183, E-mail: thinleyrinzin@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Thinley Rinzin

India

Economic Management

Technical Assistance for Project Development Facility: The objective of the project is to support the development of sound, policy-based reform initiatives and comprehensive preparation of investment and adjustment operations in priority sectors with high likelihood of implementation with Bank financing. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81663. US\$ 50.0 (IDA) Consulting services for preparation have been procured. Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2309-2883, Fax: (91-11) 2309-2477/2511,

E-mail: subhashg@finance.delhi.nic.in, Contact: Mr. Subhash C. Garg, Director

Education

Agricultural Higher Education Reforms: The objective of the project is to implement strategic reforms in the existing system to produce the required professionals. The reforms, based on the National Agriculture Policy, focus on governance and financing of institutions, promotion of excellence, openness and linkages, and improved services to stakeholders. It will also provide opportunities for greater public-private partnership. Project Concept Document has been approved. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78536. US\$ 80.0/80.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Education Division, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Krishi Anusandham Bhavan II, Pusa, New Delhi 110012 India, Tel: (91-11) 2574-7760, Fax: (91-11) 2561-0403, E-mail: jckatyal@icar.nic.in, Contact: Dr. J. C. Katyal, Deputy Director General

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Chhattisgarh Community Forest Management: The objective of the project is to strengthen participatory systems of natural resource management and marketing to improve and sustain the livelihoods of forest dependent people. Intended include: (a) establishing an enabling policy and institutional environment to facilitate transition from Joint Forest Management to Community Forest Management and (b) strengthening community institutions, developing and implementing mechanisms to ensure that vulnerable groups (e.g. women, scheduled tribes and castes, and landless people) benefit from and are not harmed by management changes, and improving productivity and financial returns to communities from sustainable forest use while expanding the natural resource base. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77572. US\$ 50.0 Consulting services to be determined. State Forest Department, Village Forestry Institutions, PRI, Raipur 492001, Chhattisgarh, India, Tel: (0771) 221-157, Fax: (0771) 331-120, E-mail: drscharma@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Ramprakash, Principal Secretary Forests

Madhya Pradesh Community Forest Management: The objective of the project is to facilitate a shift from Joint Forest Management (JFM) to Community Forest Management (CFM), with project components providing the necessary ingredients for successful CFM. These ingredients include establishing an enabling environment for CFM; strengthening community institutions, developing and putting in place mechanisms to ensure that vulnerable groups (e.g. women, scheduled tribes and castes, and landless people) benefit from CFM, expanding the natural resource base under CFM, and improving returns to communities from this resource base. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 50644. US\$ 105.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Madhya Pradesh State Forest Departments, Village Forestry Institutions, Vallabh Bawan, Bhopal 462004, India, Tel: (0755) 576-593, Fax: (0755) 763-428, E-mail: manojkmr@vallarh.mp.nic.in, Contact: Mr. Manoj Kumar, Principal Secretary Forests

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Immunization Strengthening (Supplemental): The objective of the project is to continue and intensify the work of the Immunization Strengthening Project to eradicate polio. The project will procure oral polio vaccine (OPV) from UNICEF through June 2005. (Although supplemental projects are usually not listed in the MOS, this one is included because of its size.) Board presentation scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 83.4 (IDA). No consultants are required. Department of Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2301-7447, Fax: (91-11) 2301-7333, Contact: Mr. S.S. Brar, Joint Secretary of Government

(R) Rajasthan Health Systems Development: The objectives of the project are to (a) enhance the effectiveness and quality of health services through policy and institutional development and (b) increase access to and equity in health care service delivery. The main components address (a) management development and institutional strengthening, (b) improvement of service quality and effectiveness

at the primary and secondary level as well as provision of the linkages with other programs and (c) enhancement of health care access and equity for underserved people. *Board presentation is scheduled for November 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 50655. US\$ 105.0 (IDA). Consultants have been identified for assessments, studies and other activities required to complete preparation. Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Rajasthan Secretariat, Jaipur 302 005, India, Tel: (91-141) 3808-5138 ext. 2352, Contact: Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Secretary, Medical Health and Family Welfare

Food and Drugs Capacity Building (Cr. 3777-IN): The objective of the project is to build capacity for quality assurance and oversight of food and drugs in public and private sectors. Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75056. US\$ 54.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2301-8863, Fax: (91-11) 2301-4252, Contact: Mr. J.V.R. Prasada Rao, Secretary

Integrated Disease Surveillance: The objective of the project is to help in the shift from a centrally driven, vertically organized disease surveillance system to one coordinated by the center and implemented by the states, districts and communities. The project's components will (a) coordinate and decentralize disease surveillance activities (b) integrate and strengthen disease surveillance at the state and district levels (c) improve laboratory support and (d) provide training for disease surveillance and action. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73651. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required to (a) assess laboratory facilities; (b) estimate training needs and capacity assessment at district, state and national levels; (c) make an institutional assessment at central, state and district levels; and (d) prepare plans and manuals for handling medical and laboratory waste and safety issues. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi 110 001, India, Tel: (91-11) 301-8863, Fax: (91-11) 301-4252, Contact: Mr. J.V.R. Prasada Rao, Secretary

Law and Justice

(R) Statistical Strengthening: (formerly under Public Sector Management) The objective of the project is to reform administration of the statistical system, including improvement of data collection methods, and identification of new data series to keep pace with the expanding economy. Project preparation has resumed and will incorporate recommendations of the recently published National Statistics Commission Report. Environmental Assessment Category C. Amount to be determined (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation of India, Sardar Patel Bhavan, Parliament St., New Delhi 110001, India, Tel: (91-11) 336-0889/1080, Fax: (91-11) 334-2384, Contact: G. Raveendran, Deputy Director General

Andhra Pradesh Economic Reform Program II: The objective of the project is to support the state government's program in the areas of economic growth, poverty reduction, public expenditure including financial accountability issues and sectoral issues involving health, education and power. Appraisal mission was scheduled for late September to early October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 75.0/75.0 (IBRD)/(IDA). DFID is cofinancing the operation. Consultants will be required. Government of Andhra Pradesh, Department of Finance, Secretarial Bldgs., L-Block, 3rd Floor, Hyderabad 500022 India, Tel: (91-40) 2345-0742, Fax: (91-40) 2345-2847, Contact: Mr. V. Sampath, Principal Secretary, Finance

Public Sector Governance

Third Karnataka Economic Restructuring: The project is part of the multi-tranche programmatic structural adjustment loan (PSAL) designed to provide budgetary support to the government of Karnataka. It is a cross-cutting program of fiscal and governance reform promoting reforms to restore fiscal balance in the state, increase the efficiency and effectiveness of government, promote private sector development, and improve poverty monitoring. The project also focuses on reforms in the power and education sectors. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U.

US\$ 100.0/100.0 (IBRD/IDA). No consultants are required. Finance Department, Government of Karnataka, Finance Department, 2nd Floor, Vidhan Souda, Bangalore 560001, India, Tel: (91-80) 226-5434, Fax: (91-80) 228-0520, E-mail: secbud@vsb.kar.nic.in, Contact: Mr. G. Gurucharan, Secretary, Budget & Resources

Rural Development

(R) Chhattisgarh District Rural Poverty (Cr. 3749-IN): (formerly under Social Sector) The objective of the project is to improve opportunities for the poor and vulnerable, especially women and tribal peoples, to meet their own social and economic development objectives. To achieve this objective the project aims at (a) creating infrastructure and income opportunities for the rural poor, (b) empowering active groups of disadvantaged people, and (c) supporting village governments by becoming more responsive and effective in assisting them. *The credit was signed on 18 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76467. US\$ 112.6 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India, Tel: (91-771) 234-110, Fax: (91-771) 331-067, E-mail: mkraut84@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. M.K. Raut, Secretary, Panchayats and Rural Development

(R) Jharkhand Participatory Forest Management: (formerly under Agriculture) The objective of the project is to reduce rural poverty through improved forest ecosystem management with community participation. It will do this by: (a) strengthening the policy, legal and organizational framework for participatory forest management; (b) enhancing the quality of community institutions, including mechanisms to ensure benefits to women and vulnerable groups; and (c) expanding the natural resource base and returns to local communities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation of feasibility studies, the environmental assessment and the social assessment. Most of these are likely to be provided through specialists attached to the preparation team. Jharkhand Local Communities and State Forest Department, Ranchi, 834 001, Jharkhand, India, Tel: (91-654) 525-2669, Fax: (91-654) 625-2669, E-mail: rccf_jhk@rediffmail, Contact: Ms. Neelam Nath, Principal Secretary, Department of Forests and Environment

Karnataka Rural Poverty Reduction and Panchayats: The objective of the project is to improve the capacity of rural governments to manage public resources for the benefit of the rural poor through (a) capacity building at the state, gram panchayats and constituent levels and (b) grants for rural infrastructure to the most disadvantaged gram panchayats. Project preparation was scheduled to start in September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Government of Karnataka, Vidhan Soudha, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, Contact: Mr. Raghunandan, Secretary

Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction: The objective of the project is to improve the livelihoods and quality of life of the rural poor in Tamil Nadu, particularly women and other disadvantaged groups, through social, economic and democratic empowerment. To achieve this, the project will build the productive and non-productive assets of poor people and improve the organizational and institutional context that govern their effective use of these assets. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 112.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Tamil Nadu, Social Welfare Department, Fort Street George, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Tel: (91-44) 567-1545, Fax: (91-44) 567-5183, E-mail: gariyali@sec.tn.gov.in, Contact: Ms. C.K. Gariyali, Secretary

Transportation

Allahabad Bypass: The objective of the project is to complete the last remaining section in the upgrading of National Highway 2 between Delhi and Calcutta, which will reduce transport constraints on national economic activity and improve institutional capabilities to manage road programs, assets and services on a more commercial basis. *Negotiations have been completed.* Environmental Assess-

ment Category A. PID: 73776. US\$ 240.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for construction supervision and institutional strengthening. National Highways Authority of India, Plot No. G5 and G6, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2509-3532, 2507-4100, Fax: (91-11) 2509-3507, E-mail: nhai@vsnl.com, Contact: Mr. Nirmaljit Singh, Member (Technical)

(R) Tamil Nadu Road Sector (Ln. 4706-IN): The objective of the project is to improve the quality and sustainability of the state's core road network. This is to be achieved by: (a) capacity and quality enhancement of about 750 km of roads; (b) major maintenance of about 2,000 km and blackspot improvements on the core network; (c) improvements in the management of the road network; and (d) enhanced funding and improved allocation procedures for the road sector. *The loan was signed on 28 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 50649. US\$ 348.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for construction supervision, institutional strengthening and maintenance. Highways and Rural Works, Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project, Highways Research Station, Guindy, Chennai 600 025, India, Tel: (91-44) 2230-0195, Fax: (91-44) 235-2653, 815-0425, Contact: Mr. P. Ram Mohana Rao, Project Director

Lucknow-Muzaffarpur National Highway: The project aims at (a) reducing transportation constraints on national economic activity, and (b) improving institutional capabilities to manage road programs, assets and services on a more commercial basis. The project will finance the upgrading of a 513-km national highway stretch between Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and Muzaffarpur, Bihar on the East-West Corridor, and support institutional strengthening actions. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77856. US\$ 525.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during preparation for institutional review, environmental and social assessment. Consulting services during implementation are still to be determined. National Highways Authority of India, Plots G5 and G6, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2507-4100, Fax: (91-11) 2508-0360, E-mail: grsingal@nhai.org, Contact: G.R. Singhal, Chief General Manager, East-West Corridor

Rural Roads: The objective of the project is to achieve broader, more sustainable access to markets and services for rural people. This will accelerate growth and improve quality of life in the rural areas affected. The project is intended to be implemented in two or more states to be identified during preparation and is likely to include these components: (a) upgrade of rural roads; (b) periodic and routine maintenance of core rural road networks in districts where upgrading is taking place; and (c) institutional development of state and local government rural road agencies to enhance the management and financing of rural roads. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required during preparation for institutional review, environmental and social assessment and maintenance management. Consultant requirements during implementation are to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development, National Rural Road Development Agency, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2338-9432, Fax: (91-11) 2338-8191, E-mail: vijay@alpha.nic.in, Contact: Mr. Vijay Kumar, IAS; Public Works Departments in states, Contact: Joint Secretary yet to be determined

Urban Development

Andhra Pradesh Urban Poverty Reduction: The primary focus of the project will be on poverty reduction and the empowerment of the poor, protection of the most vulnerable through security mechanisms and creating opportunities for the poor by building their assets and enabling the markets to work for them. This will be in a variety of forms, such as (a) making the government and private service delivery institutions pro-poor; (b) directing infrastructure investments in settlements housing the urban poor; (c) enhancing access by the poor to micro-credit and community-based finance systems; (d) improving delivery of services; and (e) improving planning, rules and regulations to incorporate the needs of the poor in housing and land development and measures to enable the land and housing markets to work better. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD).

Consulting services to be determined. Urban Development Department, Secretariat Complex, Hyderabad 500 022, Tel/Fax: (91-40) 2345-0622, Contact: A.K. Goyal, Principal Secretary, Urban Development

Karnataka Urban Sector Reform: The objectives of the project are to: (a) foster the decentralization process among states through improved governance and oversight of local governments; (b) enhance the accountability and financial soundness of local urban bodies, and (c) improve service delivery to the urban population. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 79675. US\$ 160.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Urban Development Department, Government of Karnataka, 448, 4th Floor, MS Bldg., Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore 560001, Tel: (91-80) 225-3958, Fax: (91-80) 220-3503, E-mail: psecud@secretariat2.nic.in, Contact: Ms Shamim Banu

Water and Sanitation

(R) Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Jal-swarajya (Cr. 3821-IN): (formerly *Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation*) The objectives of the project are to: (a) increase rural households' access to improved and sustainable drinking water and sanitation services and (b) institutionalize decentralization of rural water supply and sanitation service delivery to rural local governments and communities. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73369. US\$ 181.0 (IDA). Consultants will be needed. For implementation, the following consultancies will be required: capacity-building, technical assistance for design and implementation and water management, institutional reforms and local government strengthening. Government of Maharashtra, Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, Mantralaya (Main), 1st Floor, Mumbai, India 400032, Tel: (91-22) 202-3338, Fax: (91-22) 284-5499, E-mail: dirppmu@bom3.vsnl.net.in, Contact: Mr. Sudhir Thakre, Project Director

Karnataka Urban Water and Sanitation Sector Improvement: The objectives of the project are to: (a) launch the state government's water supply and sanitation sector reform process, and (b) improve urban water supply and sanitation services in the participating hubli-Dharwad, Belgaum and Gulbarga to demonstrate that sustainable, efficient, commercially-oriented service can be provided. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82510. US\$ 20.8 (IBRD). A request for expressions of interest and a general procurement notice were published in UN Development Business No. 546 of 16 November 2000. Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation, Unity Buildings Annex, Silver Jubilee Block, Second Floor, Third Cross Mission Rd., Bangalore, India, 5600027, Tel: (91-80) 223-2023, Fax: (91-80) 223-2178, Contact: Mr. Selva Kumar, Director, Finance

Maldives

Education

Integrated Human Development: The project aims at (a) improving education and health services; (b) supporting economic growth through market-based employment generating initiatives; and (c) building capacity for coordinating and managing community services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78523. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Human Resources, Employment and Labor, Ghazee Bldg., Male 20-05, Republic of Maldives, Fax: (960) 331-578, 327-353, E-mail: dg@hrd.gov.mv, Contact: Rasheeda Ali, Director General

Nepal

Education

(R) Education for All Program Phase II: (formerly *Basic and Primary Education Phase II*) The objective of the project is to continue to consolidate institutional capacities at national, district and school levels to plan and deliver more efficient and better quality education services and to raise primary school quality. It will assess human and physical requirements to universalize eight years of basic education, and ensure that teacher development policies and strategies are

in place to support an extended cycle of basic education from five to eight years. Preparation mission completed. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Sports, Keshar Mahal, Kantipath, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 441-1599, Fax: (977-1) 441-4887, E-mail: moes@enet.com.np, Contact: Mr. Vidhyadhar Mallik, Secretary

Higher Secondary Education: The project will support ongoing higher secondary education reforms that complement the tertiary education reforms carried out under the Higher Education Project (Credit 2560-NEP). The project will assist the Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES) and the Higher Secondary Education Board in improving educational planning, management, mobilization and utilization of resources with an emphasis on decentralization and implementation capacity. The project will also focus on upgrading facilities, equipment and information technology as well as human resources development at the MOES and the regional level. Project has not been identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Higher Secondary Education Board, Sano Thimi, Bhaktapur, Nepal, Contact: Mr. Kamal Prasad Lal Karna, Member-Secretary

Finance

(N) Financial Sector Restructuring (Phase II): The project is the second phase of a larger financial sector reform effort that would lead to a third and final phase of reform involving privatization of two state-owned commercial banks. It will assist in (a) rightsizing two commercial banks through the implementation of a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), reducing operating costs to make them viable for privatization; (b) retraining and counseling support for staff who opt for VRS; (c) bringing in sales advisors to assist in bank privatization; and (d) providing further assistance to the ongoing central bank re-engineering. Preappraisal mission was scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 62.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Nepal Rastra Bank, Central Office, Baluwatar, PO Box 73, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 441-1407, Fax: (977-1) 441-4552, E-mail: bkpromot@htp.com.np, Contact: Mr. Rajan Singh Bhandari, Executive Director

Social Protection

(R) Poverty Alleviation Fund: The objective of the project is to improve the livelihoods of the rural poor and socially excluded by (a) creating infrastructure, employment and income-generating opportunities in the most depressed villages and habitations; (b) enhancing the capacity of local governments, particularly village development committees, to provide and sustain services for poor and socially excluded groups; and (c) creating an instrument where donors can come together in a coordinated manner and under government's oversight to target programs to the rural poor. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81968. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Poverty Alleviation Fund, National Planning Commission, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 422-9070, Fax: (977-1) 424-0171, E-mail: spsharma@npcnepal.gov.np, shankar@htp.com.np, Contact: Dr. Shankar Sharma, Vice Chairman

Transportation

(R) Rural Access Improvement: The project is designed to replicate and scale up the Rural Infrastructure LIL. The objective is to provide rural communities with sustainable physical access to economic opportunities and social services, giving priorities to communities with the greatest need for access. Project is being identified. Project Concept Note was to be reviewed in *late September 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Local Development, Department of Local Infrastructure and Development and Agriculture Roads (DOLIDAR), Contact: Suraj Babu Shrestha, Acting Director General

Water and Sanitation

Rural Water Supply & Sanitation II: The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve sector institutional performance and main-

stream the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Fund Development Board approach in the government's system; and (b) deliver improved health and hygiene benefits to the rural population by providing more inclusive and sustainable access to improve water and sanitation facilities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID:71285. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). No consultants are needed. Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Fund Development Board, PO Box 12414, Panipokhari, Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 414-529, 410-761, 415-856, 418-611, Fax: (977-1) 417-899, E-mail: khaskosh@wlink.com.np, Contact: Mr. Raj Babu Shrestha, Executive Director

Pakistan

Education

(N) Punjab Education Sector Adjustment: The objective of the project is to provide core budget support for the Province of Punjab, which has embarked on a broad-ranging reform agenda to improve access to and quality of basic education. Appraisal mission was scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA) Consulting services to be determined. Department of Education, Government of Punjab, Civil Secretariat, GoPunjab, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-042) 921-0039, Fax: (92-042) 921-0040, Contact: Mr. Khushnood Akhtar Lashari, Secretary Education

(R) National Education Assessment System (Cr. 3775-PAK): The objective of the project is to enable stakeholders in the elementary education process to understand how well the elementary education system is performing and design better and more focused interventions to improve the system's future performance. It is experimental in nature. Because of the specialized skills needed for education assessment and the paucity of them nationally, a sizeable portion of the funds will be used for skill acquisition and applied learning. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 June 2003. The credit was scheduled to be signed on 30 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: PKPE77288. US\$ 3.6 (IDA). Cofinancing includes a UK DFID grant of US\$1.1. Consultants will be required for implementation and capacity building. Curriculum Wing, Ministry of Education, Sector H-9, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 444-8343, Contact: *Prof. Syed Kamal ud Din, Project Coordinator*, National NEAS; Bureaus of Curriculum in Sindh, NWFP and Balochistan provinces; Directorate of Staff Development in Punjab province; Directorate of Curriculum Research and Development, in AJK province, and Directorates of Education in NA, FATA and ICT provinces

Finance

(N) Banking Sector Adjustment: The project will support balance sheet restructuring of Habib Bank Ltd., Allied Bank Ltd. and Industrial Development Bank of Pakistan, after privatization. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 300.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Pakistan Secretariat, Block Q, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 921-1518, Fax: (92-51) 920-8158, Contact: Thaseen Khan Iqbal

(R) Improvement of Financial Reporting and Auditing II: (formerly under Public Sector Management) The objective of the project is to increase the accuracy, completeness, reliability and timeliness of public sector financial reports. The project directly supports the government's commitment to improve public financial management, accountability, and transparency, facilitate public oversight and increase credibility internationally. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76872. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consultants, who have been appointed, will continue providing services for rolling out the accounting system. The need for other consultants has not been identified. Auditor General/Controller General of Accounts, Audit House, Constitution Ave., G-5 Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 922-4080, Fax: (92-51) 922-5243, E-mail: psagp@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Yunis Khan, Auditor General

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) HIV/AIDS Prevention (Cr. 3776-PAK, H044-PAK): The project will support the country's efforts to prevent the spread of

HIV/AIDS. As a priority, the project will help expand ongoing efforts to prevent the epidemic from becoming established in vulnerable populations such as sex workers, injecting drug users and men who have sex with men and preventing its spread to the general adult populations. *Signing was scheduled for late September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74856. US\$ 27.8/9.3 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services will be required. A general procurement notice has been published. Retroactive financing for US\$ 1.7 will cover eligible selected activities after 31 March 2002. National AIDS Control Program, National Institute of Health, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 925-5096, Fax: (92-51) 925-5214, Contact: Dr. Asma Bokhari, National Program Manager; AIDS Control Program, Directorate of Health Service, Government of Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 920-0982, Fax: (92-42) 920-1142, Contact: Dr. Ali Razaq, Provincial Program Manager; AIDS Control Program, Directorate of Health Services, Government of NWFP, Peshawar, Pakistan, Tel: (92-91) 921-0183, Fax: (92-91) 921-0230/0239, 921-0878, Contact: Dr. Zubair Khan, Provincial Program Manager; AIDS Control Program, Directorate of Health Services, Government of AJK, Muzaffarabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-058) 810-4303, Fax (92-058) 810-2200, Contact: Dr. Farhat Khalid, (ADG), Provincial Program Manager; AIDS Control Program, Sindh Health Services Hospital, M. A. Jinnah Rd., Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 777-5959/1753, Fax (92-21) 777-1753, Contact: Dr. Syed Sharaf Ali Shah, Provincial Program Manager; AIDS Control Program, Fatima Jinnah General & Chest Hospital, Quetta, Pakistan, Tel: (92-081) 854-182, Contact: Dr. Munir Ahmed Khawajakhail, Provincial Program Manager; AIDS Control Program, District Headquarters Hospital, Northern Areas, Gilgit, Pakistan, Tel: (92-572) 3690-3368, Contact: Dr. Abdul Latif, Provincial Program Manager

Law and Justice

(R) North West Frontier Province Structural Adjustment II: (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The objective of the project is to support the provincial government's implementation of reforms to improve fiscal and financial management, governance and public service delivery in education, health, rural development and the regulatory framework for private sector development. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 90.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Government of NWFP, Civil Secretariat, Peshawar, Pakistan, Tel: (92-91) 921-0334, Fax: (92-91) 921-1134, Contact: Mr. Zia ur Rehman, Secretary of Finance

(R) Sindh Structural Adjustment II: (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The objective of the project is to finance implementation of reforms to improve fiscal and financial management, governance, public service delivery, and the state's regulatory framework. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required in the following areas: (a) improvement of fiscal and financial management; (b) financial resource mobilization and institutional development; (c) capacity building of core government departments; (d) reconciliation of public accounts; (e) information technology specialist work; and (f) technical support. Consulting services are to be financed through PHRD grant TF050806. Department of Finance, Government of Sindh, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 920-6512, Fax: (92-21) 920-6511, Contact: Mr. Fazal ur Rehman, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance

(R) Structural Adjustment III: (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The objective of the project is to support implementation of the government's Poverty Reduction Strategy, which focuses on: (a) reforming governance in the areas of taxation, devolution, decentralization, financial management, civil service administration and public access to information; (b) strengthening the foundations for economic growth in the areas of power, oil and gas pricing, regulatory reform and privatization; and (c) improving delivery of social services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 300.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Room 308, Block C, Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pak-

istan, Tel: (92-51) 921-0629, Fax: (92-51) 921-2446, Contact: Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, Secretary, Economic Affairs Division

(R) Tax Administration Reform: (formerly under Public Sector Management) The objective of the project is to build a modern tax system that will be administered effectively and will facilitate and improve voluntary compliance with tax laws. The program will aim at increasing tax revenues by improving effectiveness, responsiveness, and efficiency of tax administration through: (a) reform of institutions and procedures; (b) improvements in the transparency and integrity of tax services; (c) introduction of performance and merit-based human resources systems; (d) strengthening of collection, audit and enforcement procedures and (e) an upgrade of taxpayers services. *Preappraisal completed.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PIN: 77306. US\$ 225.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Central Board of Revenue, Constitution Ave., Tel: (92-51) 920-7540/50, Fax: (92-51) 920-8864, Contact: M. S. Lal, Member Tax Policy and Reforms

Public Sector Governance

Public Sector Capacity Building: The project will focus on (a) broadening professional development, (b) enhancing capacity of key ministries that are in the vanguard of policy reforms, and (c) strengthening regulatory functions that are increasingly becoming a critical link to the success of economic reforms. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83370. US\$ 56.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required and have been identified. Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, 424, Q Block, Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Tel: (92-51) 920-6367, Fax: (92-51) 921-4629, Contact: Muhammad Ismail Qureshi, Additional Secretary (Policy Wing)

Rural Development

(R) Sindh On-Farm Water Management: (formerly under Agriculture) The project focuses on water management improvements and institutional reforms in the irrigation sector. The project includes (a) a social mobilization and capacity building program for developing effective farmers' organizations; (b) improvement and rehabilitation of distributaries, minors and watercourses; (c) agricultural productivity enhancement measures; (d) monitoring and evaluation; and (e) project management support. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for the second quarter of FY04. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.3 (IDA). Consulting services will be required for monitoring and evaluation, quality assurance and project management support. Sindh On-Farm Water Management Directorate, Agriculture Department, Government of Sindh, Block C, Shahbaz Bldg., Thandi Sarak, Hyderabad, Tel: (92-221) 920-0045, Fax: (92-221) 920-0052, Contact: Mr. Rao Abdul Jabbar Khan, Director General, Agricultural Engineering and Water Management

Social Protection

Poverty Alleviation Fund II: The objective of the project is to scale-up operations of the first Poverty Alleviation Fund project, introducing second generation innovations in the delivery of financial and infrastructure services to the poor. Appraisal is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 82977. US\$ 240.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund, House No. 6-A, Park Rd., F-8/2, Islamabad, Pakistan, Fax: (92-51) 225-1726, E-mail: info@ppaf.org.pk, Contact: Mr. Kamal Hyat, Chief Executive

Transportation

Highways Rehabilitation: The objective of the project is the sustainable delivery of a producing and efficient national highway system, contributing to lower transportation costs. Appraisal mission is completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 10556. US\$ 159.0 (IDA). Procurement of consulting services is under way. National Highway Authority (NHA), Plot No. 27, Mauve Area, G-9/1, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 926-0409, Fax: (92-51) 926-0209, E-mail: nrja@nha.gov.pk, Contact: Raja Nowsherwan, Member (Planning)

Water and Sanitation

NWFP-Community-Government Investment Services: The project will be a demand led local infrastructure and services program. Its key feature will be partnerships between the local governments and their communities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 57.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Local Government, North West Frontier Province, Districts, Tehsils

Sri Lanka

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Development: The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve maternal and child health, including adequate and healthful nutrition, among disadvantaged groups and in underserved areas; (b) reduce incidence of major non-communicable diseases; and (c) enhance the efficiency, equity and quality of health care, ensuring financial and operational sustainability of the health system. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 50740. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Welfare, Sawasiripaya 385, Baddegama Wimalawansa Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-1) 698-471, Fax: (94-1) 678-896, Contact: Dr. Reggie Perera, Secretary

Information and Communication

E-Sri Lanka Development: The objective of the project is to promote effective use of information and communication technology as an enabler for development throughout key sectors of the economy. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81771. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. ICT Agency, CINTEC, No. 561/3, Elvitigala Mw. Colombo 5, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-1) 510-550/510-554, E-mail: are@cintec.lk, Contact: Manju Haththotuwa, CEO

Rural Development

(R) Rural Poverty Reduction Program: The objective of the project is to enable the rural poor to improve their livelihood and quality of life. The objective would be achieved through: (a) empowering poor communities by transferring to them decision-making power and control over resources; (b) building communities' ability to engage in participatory appraisal, priority setting, planning, implementation, management, monitoring and evaluation; and (c) building accountable and responsive local governments and linking the communities with private sectors and other local level partners. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74872. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Economy, 780 Maradana Rd., Colombo 10, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-1) 669-280, Fax: (94-1) 669-281, Contact: Mr. P. Liyanarachchi. Secretary

Europe and Central Asia

Albania

Energy and Mining

Power Sector Generation/Restructuring: The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and strengthen the power transmission and distribution systems. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77526. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. KESH Albanian Power Corporation, Blloku Vasil Shanto, Tirana, Albania, Tel/Fax: (355-4) 234-501, E-mail: pmu-ptdp@kesh.com.al, Contact: Mr. Genci Dango, Head of PMU

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Institutional Strengthening and Environmental Cleanup: The main objectives of the project are to foster government commitment to strengthening its environmental policies and institutions and man-

aging critical environmental risks, particularly hazardous chemical waste dumps that affect the most vulnerable and impoverished population groups. These will be achieved through (a) institutional strengthening at the Ministry of Environment and at the central and local levels, and (b) a pilot project to clean up a toxic contaminated site in the Durrës region. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71427. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Rruga e Durrësit No. 27, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 270-623, Fax: (355-4) 270-627, E-mail: p_abeshi@abissnet.com.al, Contact: Mr. Pellumb Abeshi, Secretary General

Water and Sanitation

Integrated Water/Ecosystems Management: The objective of the project is to improve the quality and quantity of the basic water services system to reduce its operating cost and avoid its collapse. This would be achieved in the short term with rehabilitation work and operational interventions as well as technical support for urgently needed repairs and in the medium term with support for longer-range sector reforms. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75156. US\$ 4.3 (GEF). Consultants will be required. World Bank Water P.I.U., Rr. "Bajram Tusha," Lagja Nr 14, Durrës, Albania, Tel/Fax: (355-52) 64184, E-mail: shani@alb-mail.com, Contact: Mr. Ndrim Shani, Director

Armenia

Education

(R) Education Quality and Relevance: The objective of the project is to enable orientation to the education system to meet the challenges of the knowledge economy. *Appraisal was scheduled for 22 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74503. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Science, Center for Education Projects, Tel: (374-1) 151-651, Fax: (374-1) 344-763, E-mail: cfep@arminco.com, Contact: Ms. Karine Harutyunyan

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Sector Modernization: (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The project will support the public sector institutional reform program and seek to assist in operationalizing key elements of recent and upcoming analytical work. The reforms include: (a) civil service reform, including the right-sizing of the civil service, development and implementation of a human resource management information system and development of institutional arrangements for demand-driven training of civil servants; (b) strengthening the policy formulation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation capacity of selected ministries and executive agencies; (c) improving quality of service delivery of selected line agencies that have an impact on private sector development; (d) improving transparency, accountability and value for money in public procurement; (e) strengthening financial accountability; and (f) strengthening voice and participation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 60786. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government House House-1, Republic Square, 375010, Yerevan, Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 595-304, 521-459, Contact: Manuk Topuzyan, Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister

Water and Sanitation

Municipal Water and Wastewater: The objective of the project is to improve water and wastewater services, in terms of coverage, quality and cost, with a focus on areas outside the capital city and special emphasis on service to the poor. The project would include (a) private sector management and operation of one or more regional water companies; (b) an investment fund to support systems in participating communities; and (c) technical assistance to prepare and monitor the management contract and provide assistance to the government in establishing sector law and regulation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 63398. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required to (a) prepare

the bidding documents for recruitment of the private operators; (b) conduct audits; (c) provide procurement assessments; and (d) provide economic and financial analysis. Armenia Municipal and Wastewater Project, Project Implementation Unit, 13 Vardanants, Yerevan, Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 526-385, Fax: (374-1) 151-829, E-mail: aghazaryan@dolphin.am, Contact: Mr. Adibek Ghazaryan, Project Director

Azerbaijan

Education

Education Sector Development (Cr. 3769-AZ): The objective of the project is to improve the quality and reach of primary and secondary general education by (a) using available resources more effectively and efficiently, and (b) strengthening education management and policy capacity. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 May 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70989. US\$ 18.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, 49 Khatai Ave., Baku 370008, Azerbaijan, Tel. (994-12) 937-083, Fax (994-12) 987-569, Contact: Mr. Iskender Iskenderov, Deputy Minister of Education

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Shah-Dag Rural Environment: The objective of the project is for mountain communities and local authorities in the Shah Dag Greater Caucasus area to adopt environmentally responsible practices of forestry, grazing and energy consumption. This will serve to demonstrate how environmentally responsible natural resource management can improve living conditions in rural communities. The global objective is to conserve the existing biodiversity, reverse land degradation, and improve energy supply and efficiency. This would be achieved by promoting adoption of integrated ecosystem management (IEM) concepts in policy, planning and implementation of development activities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66199. US\$ 8.0/5.0 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Bakhram Agaev, 100 A, 370073 Baku, Azerbaijan; Tel: (994-12) 925-294; Fax: (994-12) 385-454; Contact: Mr. Gussein Bagirov, Minister

Rural Development

(R) Irrigation Distribution System and Management Improvement (Cr. 3789-AZ): (formerly under Agriculture) The objective of the project is to improve the efficiency and sustainability of irrigation water distribution and management on 50,000 ha, through provision of support to Water Users Associations (WUA) and the State Amelioration and Irrigation Committee (SAIC). To achieve this objective, the project would provide funds for a) the development of WUA related institutional capacity in SAIC, b) training and support to WUAs to become organizations that can take charge of the operation and maintenance of irrigation and drainage systems under their management and c) selective rehabilitation of irrigation and drainage systems. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 8286. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required. State Amelioration and Irrigation Committee, V Floor, House of Government, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 989-158, Fax: (994-12) 382-571, E-mail: irrigation@azdata.net, Contact: Mr. M.S. Guliyev, Director

Rural Community Investment: The objective of the project is to enable rural communities and municipalities to prioritize, deliver and manage basic municipal services. The project will finance investments in the construction, operation and maintenance of selected community infrastructure and provide support for local capacity building. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 76234. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants have been selected. Agency to Support the Development of the Agriculture Private Sector, Project Preparation Unit under the Cabinet of Ministers, 40 U. Hadjibekov St., Government House, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 934-693, Fax: (994-12) 981-395, E-mail: mehtiev@azeurotel.com, Contact: Mr. Vagif Aslan Huseynov, Director

Social Protection

Pension and Social Assistance: The project includes four components: (a) developing capacity for policy analysis (b) strengthening pension administration; (c) social assistance improvement; and (d) a public education campaign. These components will be implemented through (a) improvements in legislation that will institutionalize pension policy and administrative reforms; (b) strengthened linkages between benefits and contributions; (c) creation and maintenance of individual records; (d) enhanced social assistance targeting to become cost-effective; and (e) efficient pension and social assistance administrative structure. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 49892. US\$ 16.5 (IDA). Consulting services will be required in the areas of pension policy and administration, physical inventory of offices and equipment, business processes, information technology design and installation, works supervision, public education campaigns, capacity building for social policy development and project implementation and management. Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population, 9th Floor, Government House, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 931-203, Fax: (994-12) 939-472, E-mail: mlsp@azerin.com, Contact: Mr. Yashar Gamzayev, Grant Implementation Coordinator.

Belarus

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) TB/AIDS: The objectives of the project are to (a) control the tuberculosis epidemic by ensuring early and effective treatment of infectious cases and prevention of transmission in the general population and in the prison system, and by establishing diagnosis and treatment for multi-drug resistant diseases, (b) prevent further spread of the HIV infection, mainly by scaling up programs aimed at groups at risk, especially intravenous drug users, (c) reduce sexually transmitted infections morbidity by upgrading prevention and treatment of these diseases and (d) support health sector restructuring initiatives to increase quality and appropriateness of care and effectiveness and efficiency of resource use. *Negotiations were scheduled for October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 72404. US\$ 20.4 (IBRD). Consultants have been selected. Ministry of Health, Tel: (375-17) 222-6095, Fax: (375-17) 222-6297, Contact: V.A. Ostapenko

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Public Sector Governance

(R) Economic Management Structural Adjustment: The project is aimed at (a) reducing the excess burden of government in the economy by rationalizing public spending, and (b) improving efficiency and equity through expenditure restructuring and better governance in the management of public resources. *Appraisal was scheduled for late September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 71039. US\$ 53.4 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Federation of BiH Ministry of Finance, Mehmed Spahe 5, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 203-147, Fax: (387-33) 203-152, Contact: Mr. Dragan Vrankic, Minister; Republika Srpska Ministry of Finance, Vuka Karadzica 5, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 331-350, Fax: (387-51) 331-361, Contact: Mr. Branko Krsmanovic, Minister

Social Protection

Second Social Sector Adjustment: The objective of the project is to facilitate policy reforms in (a) veterans' benefits, (b) social safety net, (c) unemployment administration and (d) disability policy. *Renegotiations were tentatively scheduled for October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70992. US\$ 36.0 (IDA). Bank is administering a PHRD grant. Further consulting services will be required. For the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Ministry of Finance, Mehmeda Spahe 5, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 203-147, Fax: (387-33) 203-152, Contact: H. E. Franjo Franjic, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; for Republika Srpska: Ministry of Finance, Vuka Karadzica 4, Banja

Luka, 78000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 331-350, Fax: (387-51) 331-361, Contact: H. E. Simeun Vilendecic, Minister

Bulgaria

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Wood Residue to Energy: The project will upgrade boilers to efficient wood-fired boilers in wood processing and pulp-and-paper plants, and possibly also social infrastructure buildings (schools, hospitals, public buildings, etc.) in the vicinity of these firms. Carbon emission reductions will be achieved by: (a) switching boilers from fossil to biomass fuels; (b) increasing the energy efficiency of boilers; and (c) abating emissions of methane from stockpiles of wood residue. Negotiations completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75560. US\$ 3.6 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Svilosa AD, Svilosa AD, Sofia, Bulgaria, Contact: Kraimer Dachev, President

Public Sector Governance

Programmatic Adjustment II: The project is designed to support the government's economic growth and poverty reduction objectives. It is the second of a three-part series of loans. The first focused on improving the business environment and investment climate. This one concentrates on a broad governance agenda. The third will turn to a broad social sector development agenda. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 81637. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Council for Structural Policy, Administration of the Council of Ministers, Dondukov Blvd., Sofia, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 940-2143, Fax: (359-2) 980-7707, E-mail: z.veleva@government.bg, Contact: Zinaida Veleva, Head, Directorate for International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and European Integration of the Administration of the Council of Ministers

Rural Development

(R) Forest Development: (formerly under Agriculture) The objective of the project is to maximize the value of forest resources to the national economy and maximize forest related opportunities and benefits for the rural population through reformulated and sustainable management in private, communal, and state forests. Global benefits will be realized through (a) improved conservation of ecosystems of global biodiversity significance under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, (b) mainstreaming of biodiversity in overall national forest policies, strategies and planning instruments, (c) integrating conservation activities in routine forest management, and (d) strengthening the network of protected areas and other forests under protection. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PIDs: 33964, 80377. US\$ 30.0/5.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, 55, Hristo Botev Blvd., BG-1040 Sofia, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 987-1192, Fax: (359-2) 987-1193, E-mail: mplugtschieva@nug.bg, Contact: Ms. Meglena Plugchieva, Deputy Minister

Croatia

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency: The objectives of the project are to: (a) promote energy efficiency projects, (b) establish a utility-based energy service to develop and aggregate capital for such projects, and (c) develop the knowledge and mechanisms necessary for financiers to fund them. *Board presentation was scheduled for 7 October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PIDs: 79968, 71461. US\$ 5.0/7.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Hrvatska Elektroprivreda Ltd., Ulica Grada Vukovara 31, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 632-2302, Fax: (385-1) 617-0478, E-mail: gordana.lucic@hep.hr, Contact: Mr. Gordana Lucic, ESCO Team Leader, Development Department

(R) Renewable Energy Resources: (formerly under Power) The project will start with the objective of assisting the government in developing a rational policy framework for renewable energy and will help develop an economically and environmentally sustainable market for renewable energy resources. The project's global objective

is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on a continuous basis by overcoming barriers to implementation of renewable energy. Project processing is continuing. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 71464. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Hrvatska Elektroprivreda Ltd. (HEP), Ulica Grada Vukovara 31, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 632-2302, Fax: (385-1) 617-0478, E-mail: gordana.lucic@hep.hr, Contact: Mr. Gordana Lucic, ESO Team Leader, Development Department

Private Sector Development

Science and Technology: The project will support reorientation of the country's science and technology infrastructure, in particular to: (i) strengthen and restructure research and development institutions (RDIs), and promote commercialization of the research outputs; and (ii) upgrade technological capabilities of enterprises. Preappraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80258. US\$ 42.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will include activities related to institutional building of RDIs, Business Innovation Center of Croatia (BICRO) and Institute for Technology Policy and Research (ITP); development of Management Information Systems (MIS) for RDIs and BICRO; a promotion campaign; assistance related to setting up venture capital funds; setting up Tehcnology Centers and Science Parks; assistance to private firms in improving their competitiveness and technology transfer; studies and training. Ministry of Science and Technology, Trg J.J. Strossmayera 4, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 4594-441/47, Fax: (385-1) 4594-469/49, E-mail: vucina@fesb.hr, Contacts: Dr. Miroslav Cavlek, Deputy Minister, Dr. Damir Vucina, Project Development Manager

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Social and Economic Recovery: (formerly under Reconstruction/Rehabilitation) The objective of this multisectoral project is to address post-conflict reconstruction and sustainable development in war-affected and disadvantaged areas. The main development objective is to increase social cohesion and sustainable economic opportunities among different war-affected and marginalized groups in various ethnic communities. In order to achieve this, the project will adopt a social fund approach to financing community-selected activities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 76730. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction, and Construction, Navarova 61, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 469-5736, E-mail: franka.vojnovic@zghinet.hr, Contact: Franka Vojnovic, Head of Section, Department for Island and Regional Development

Water and Sanitation

Coastal Cities Pollution Control: The objective of the project is to improve the quality of Adriatic coastal waters in financially and operationally sustainable ways by (a) strengthening institutional arrangements for financing and managing wastewater treatment and (b) financing wastewater treatment infrastructure in selected cities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 65416. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Hrvatska Banka za Obnovu i Razvitak (Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development, HBOR), Strossmayerov trg 9, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 459-1689, Fax: (385-1) 459-1696, E-mail: mko-laric@hbor.hr, Contact: Ms. Marja Kolaric; Hrvatska Voda (Croatian Waters, HV), Ulica Grada Vukovara 220, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 615-5820, Fax: (385-1) 615-5910, E-mail: marasovic@voda.hr, Contact: Jaksa Marasovic, Director, Croatian Waters.

Czech Republic

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency Fund: The project will focus on: (a) facilitating energy efficiency measures in public buildings such as hospitals; (b) improving district heating systems; and (c) enhancing energy efficiency in large industries. The project will be supported through the Prototype Carbon Fund (PCF). Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 73542. US\$ 7.0 (PCF). Consultants will be required. Czech Energy Agency, Vinohradska 8,

120 00 Praha 2, Czech Republic, Tel: (420-2) 2421-7714, Fax: (420-2) 2421-7701, E-mail: cea@cea.cz, Contact: Mr. Bubenik, Director; State Environmental Fund, Kaplanova 1931/1, 148 00 Praha 4, Czech Republic, Tel: (420-2) 6799-4455, Fax: (420-2) 793-6597, E-mail: tnovotny@sfpz.cz, Contact: Mr. Tomas Novotny, Deputy Director, International Affairs

Georgia

Water and Sanitation

(R) Tbilisi Water Supply and Sanitation: The project will include (a) a lease contract with an international water operator (IWO) to strengthen management and operational capacity of Tbilikalcanal; and (b) a fund for future investments for rehabilitating and improving water and wastewater systems, to be identified and administered jointly by the (IWO) and Tbilikalcanal. *This project is under review.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 49171. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants have been selected. Tbilisi Water and Sanitation Utility (Tbilikalcanal), Tbilisi Water Utility Development Bureau (TWUDB), 33, 1st Lane, Kostava St., Tbilisi, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 935-831, Fax: (995-32) 982-607, E-mail: twudb@caucasus.net, Contact: Mr. Zurab Gongadze, Managing Director

Hungary

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Black Sea Nutrient Reduction: The objective of the project is to reduce nutrient discharge into the Danube and ultimately the Black Sea by improving purification of effluent from wastewater treatment plants at Budapest and Dunaujváros and increasing the nutrient retention capacity in the Danube-Dráva National Park's Gemenc and Béda-Karapancsa Region. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74971. US\$ 7.5 (GEF). *Consultants will be required.* Municipality of Budapest, Varoshaz u. 9-11, H-1840 Budapest 50, P.O.B. 1, Tel: (36-1) 317-6310, Fax: (36-1) 327-1811, Contact: Attila Pocs, Head of the PIU, Office of the Mayor, Budapest V.; Municipality of Dunajvaros, E-mail: nemesne@dunaujvaros.hu, Contact: Erika Nemes, Head, PMU; Gemenc National Park, Contact: Gyozo Buzetsky, Head

Kazakhstan

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Forest Protection and Reforestation: The objective of the project is to develop environmental and economic services through more sustainable use, increased productivity and enhanced conservation of forest and associated rangeland resources, with a focus on the northeastern pine forest and southern saxaul woodlands. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78301. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Forestry and Hunting Committee, Ministry of Agriculture, Abay Ave., 49, Astana 473000, Kazakhstan, Tel: (3172) 328-248, Fax: (3172) 328-233, E-mail: komles@nature.kz, Contact: Mr. Igor A. Koval, Deputy Chairman

Drylands Management (TF052161): The objective of the project is to demonstrate and promote sustainable land uses in the marginal dryland ecosystem of a pilot area in the Shetsky rayon. The project is a pilot that will test the environmental, social and economic viability of shifting from the current unsustainable cereal-based production system to the traditional livestock-based production system. Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71525. US\$ 5.3 (GEF). Consultants have been selected. Ministry of Environmental Protection, Pobedy St. Building 31, Astana, Kazakhstan; Tel: 7 (317-2) 59-19-50, Fax: 7 (3162) 5-06-20, Contact: Ms. Aitkul B. Samakova, Minister

Nura River Cleanup (Ln. 4693-KZ): The project will (a) support the clean-up of mercury in Nura River; (b) strengthen the water monitoring network; (c) develop a water resources management plan; and (d) strengthen the water pollution control system. Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 May 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 59803. US\$ 40.4 (IBRD). No consultants are

required. State Committee for Water Resources, 28-A Mzhaiskiy St., 473201 Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (731-22) 241-428, Fax: (731-22) 242-491, Contact: Mr. Tulegen Sarsembekov, Chairman

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Competitiveness: (formerly under Agriculture) The objective of the project is to facilitate: (a) an effective marketing information system; (b) critical technical services to farmers; and (c) strengthened capacity in the Ministry of Agriculture to develop enabling policies, regulatory frameworks, and provisions in support of their implementation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 49721. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, 49 Abai St., Astana 473000, Kazakhstan, Tel: (3172) 323-784, Fax: (3172) 324-541, Contact: Ms. Liliya Musina, Deputy Minister.

Water and Sanitation

(R) Northeastern Kazakhstan Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to improve the quality, reliability, efficiency, financial viability and sustainability of the water supply and wastewater services in selected urban centers located in the northeastern region of Kazakhstan. The project would include (a) rehabilitation and efficiency improvements of existing facilities; (b) transfer of operational and financial management of participating water and wastewater enterprises (vodokanals) to an internationally experienced water utility operator under a performance-based management contract; (c) strengthening institutional and financial capacity of the vodokanals; and (d) creating an enabling legal and regulatory environment that promotes financial and institutional autonomy for vodokanals, including setting tariffs that allow full cost recovery. Project processing is continuing *due to ongoing restructuring of the vodokanals participating in the project.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70008. US\$ 83.0 (IBRD). Financing from the government is expected in the amount of US\$ 32.5. Consultants will be required. Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Environment Protection, 28-1 Mzhaiskiy St., 473201 Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3272) 623-083, 626-259, Fax: (7-3172) 241-428, E-mail: picg_ascrp@nursat.kz, Contact: Mr. Serik Smailov, Director

Kosovo

Energy and Mining

Energy Sector Technical Assistance II (H048-KOS): The objectives of the project are to assist in (a) developing capacity for a commercially sustainable exchange of power with the regional system and optimizing utilization of existing generation capacity through economic dispatch; and (b) developing a framework for attracting private sector investment in the energy sector. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79019. US\$ 1.5 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, 1 Mother Theresa St., Prishtina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 500-400, Ext. 5640, Fax: (1-212) 963-8113, E-mail: bearpark@un.org, Contact: Mr. Andy Bearpark, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General; Kosovo Trust Agency, Green Bldg., Duhani St., Vellusha, No. 5, Prishtina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 504-604, Ext. 116, Fax: (381-38) 248-076, E-mail: marko.kosir@eumik.org, Contact: Mr. Marko Kosir, Energy Division Manager; Korporata Energjetike E Kosoves (KEK), Toskana Bldg., 36 Mother Theresa St., Prishtina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 229-010, Fax: (381-38) 27-156, E-mail: alihamiti@kek-energy.com, Contact: Mr. Ali Hamiti, Director (Operations)

Private Sector Development

Economic Assistance IV (H047-KOS): The objective of the project is to provide budget support for measures enhancing fiscal sustainability and private sector development. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78380. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. UNMIK, Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 504-604 (ext. 5640), Fax: (381-38) 540-788, E-mail: bearpark@un.org, Contact: Mr. Andy Bearpark,

Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations; Ministry of Finance and Economy

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Community Development Fund II: The objective of the project is to improve the quality, access and availability of community infrastructure and services in poor, and conflict-affected communities and for vulnerable groups, including returnees; and promote institutional capacity building and social capital formation at the community and municipal levels so as to improve the quality and sustainability of service delivery and enhance greater stakeholder participation, and empowerment in local development. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for late September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 79259. US\$ 4.0 (IDA). *No consultants are required.* Government of Kosovo, Perandori Justinian 4, Prishtina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 249-677, Fax: (381-28) 249-677, E-mail: flaka@kcdf.org, Contact: Ms. Flaka Surroi

Kyrgyz Republic

Finance

Financial Sector and Business Development (FINBUS): The project will include financial sector and business development components. The proposed project, consistent with the country's National Poverty Reduction Strategy, will support: a) implementation of the government's and National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic's banking and financial sector reform program and b) removal of administrative barriers to private sector development. The project will provide institutional development support and funding for: payments system reform; strengthening and privatization of state-owned banks; elimination of administrative barriers through the development and implementation of regulatory impact assessments and restructuring of the system of technical regulations and standards. Preparation is supported by a PHRD grant. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74881. US\$12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Directorate on Investments and Technical Assistance Coordination, National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic, 101 Umetaliev St., Bishkek, 720040, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel/Fax: (996-312) 669-153, E-mail: mduishegulov@nbkr.kg, Contact: Marlis Duishegulov, Director

Rural Development

Village Investment: The objective of the project is to alleviate rural poverty by (a) supporting private sector-led growth; (b) strengthening provision of essential services; and (c) improving local governance. It does this at the grassroots level by supporting income and employment generating investments in village infrastructure and in group-managed small- and medium-enterprises. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 73973. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. VIP Project Preparation Unit, 164a, Chui Ave., Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 61-13-06, Fax: (996-312) 660-409, E-mail: elmira@vip.ktnet.kg, Contact: Ms. Elmira Ibrahimova, Director

Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of

Education

(R) Education Modernization APL - Phase 1: The objective of the project is to support decentralization and the peace agreement including improving strategic planning, management, and monitoring in the education sector at the national level; and improving school based learning at the local level. *Appraisal was scheduled for 23 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 66157. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Science, Government Bldg., Blvd. Ilinden, bb, Skopje, the FYR of Macedonia, Tel: (389-2) 118-022 Ext.151, E-mail: vvignjev@mn.gov.mk, Contact: Vesna Vignjevic; PCU Director

Public Sector Governance

Public Sector Management Adjustment: The objective of the project is to support reforms in central government budget formulation and execution, procurement, auditing and civil service, along with sectoral reforms in health care and social assistance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 74893. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during implementation. Consulting services have been employed in the preparation of each component during preparation. Ministry of Finance, Skopje, Macedonia, Tel/Fax: (389-2) 312-6015, E-mail: goran.anceski@finance.gov.mk, Contact: Mr. Goran Anceski, Project Coordinator

Moldova, Republic of

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy II: (formerly under Power) The project will support the demonopolization and privatization program for the power sector, including (a) upgrading of power system control and data acquisition facilities; (b) commercial metering equipment; (c) upgrading of electrical substations; and (d) technical assistance for institutional reform. The project will also provide support to the heating sector by initiating an investment program and supporting the restructuring of the sector. Board presentation was scheduled for 30 October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40558. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Moldova Energy Projects Implementation Unit (MEPIO), str. 31 August, No. 82, Office No.2, Tel: (373-2) 234-706, Fax: (373-2) 233-441, E-mail: mepiu@ch.moldpac.md, Contact: Ms. Ludmila Burlui, Executive Director

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Agricultural Pollution Control: (formerly under Agriculture)

The objective of the project is to reduce agricultural nutrient pollution of the Danube River and Black Sea. The project aims at: (a) promoting adoption of environmentally friendly practices in crop and livestock production and in rural agro-industries that contribute to nutrient pollution, including wetland and integrated watershed management; (b) strengthening national policy, regulatory and institutional capacity for agricultural nutrient pollution control; and (c) promoting a broad public awareness program and replication strategy. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75995. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Consolidated Agricultural Projects Management Unit, Ministry of Ecology, Construction and Territorial Development, 9 Cosmonautilor St., Room 544, Chisinau, Moldova 2005, Tel: (373-2) 223-106, Fax: (373-2) 226-994, E-mail: igorashov@capmu.md, Contact: Mr. Igor Gorashov, Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

AIDS Control (H046-MD): The objective of the project is to improve the country's health status and assist it in achieving its health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDG) through reducing mortality, morbidity and transmission of HIV/AIDS, other sexually transmitted infections and tuberculosis. The credit was signed on 11 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74122. US\$ 5.5 (IDA Grant). Preparation is being financed from a PHRD grant as well as Bank budget Country Coordination Mechanism, 1, Piata Marii Adunari Nationale, Chisinau, Tel: (373-2) 250-102, Fax: (373-2) 242-696, Contact: Mr. Cristea, Vice Prime Minister

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Financial Management TA: The project aims at improving budget preparation, execution, reporting and control through capacity building and investment in the design and installation of an integrated financial management information system. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82916. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Cofinancing is being negotiated with the EU for up to US\$ 6.0. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 7 Cosmonautilor St., Chisinau 2005, Moldova, Tel: (373-2) 221-307, Fax: (373-2) 243-775, E-mail: nlupan@minfin.moldova.md, Contact: Ms. Zinaida Grecianii, Minister

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Social Investment Fund II: The objective of the project is to implement the Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy by empowering poor communities and vulnerable population groups to manage their priority development needs by (a) improving delivery and quality of basic social and economic services, and (b) developing the capacity of community institutions and strengthening social capital. *Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for March 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 79314. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Moldova Social Investment Fund Executive Office, str. Stefan cel Mare 124, Office 309, MD-2012, Chisinau, Moldova, Tel: (373-2) 279-727, Fax: (373-2) 279-141, E-mail: bpopadiuc@msif.net.md, Contact: Boris Popadiuc, Executive Director

Youth Inclusion Learning and Innovation LIL: The main purpose of the LIL is to test whether participating youth (15-25) from poor rural and peri-urban families adopt positive economic and social practices in response to an integrated package of youth-oriented services and opportunities. It will entail creating synergies among three inter-related types of interventions in selected regions: (a) economic approaches, creating enabling conditions for facilitating access of youth to skills and assets leading to better wage and self-employment opportunities; (b) support to local social initiatives for youth inclusion, scaling up a competitive grant process for youth serving NGOs and community-based associations and focusing mainly on prevention of risky behaviors; and (c) institutional and policy development, focusing on the development of a national youth strategy and a network of youth-serving public and private partners for better outreach and referral. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82878. US\$ 3.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. State Department for Youth and Sports, 73 Stefan Cel Mare Blvd., Chisinau, Moldova, Tel: (373-2) 277-569/233, Fax: (373-2) 277-352, E-mail: dtsmoldova@yahoo.com, dts-centrutin@mdl.net, Contacts: Mr. Sergiu Cornetski, General Director, Mrs. Liliana Palihovich, Head, Youth Division

Water and Sanitation

Chisinau Environmental: The objective of the project is to improve the quality of water in the Dnister River as well as the environmental quality in the Dnister River Basin. The project would assist Moldova to begin the development of a Transnational Dnister River Basin Management System. It falls under the guidelines of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74139. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency (ies) to be determined.

Poland

Energy and Mining

Krakov Energy Efficiency: The project will improve energy efficiency and reduce emission of atmospheric pollutants in the Krakow region. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70246. US\$ 11.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Municipal District Heating Co. of Krakow, Al. Jana Pawla II, 188, 30-969, Krakow, Poland, Tel/Fax: (48-12) 644-5326, E-mail: janusz.miechowicz@mpec.krakow.pl, Contact: Janusz Miechowicz, Head, Foreign Cooperation Department

Romania

Energy and Mining

Electricity Market (Ln. 7181-RO): The objectives of the project are to: (a) put in place a transparent and predictable commercial and regulatory framework and a power exchange that will facilitate electricity trading within a competitive national, regional, and eventually European market; and (b) improve the efficiency and reliability of the transmission system in order to support trading and supply electricity to consumers at the least cost possible. The loan was signed on 15 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81406.

US\$ 82.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Transelectrica, 33, General Gh. Magheru Blvd., 70164, Bucharest 1, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 3074655, Fax: (40-21) 30356-60, E-mail: rpurdila@transelectrica.ro, Contact: Mr. Razaban Purdila, Director; ANRE, 3. Constantin Nacu Street, 70219, Bucharest 2, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 3074655, Fax: (40-21) 3124365, E-mail: lcaracasian@anre.ro, Contact: Ms. Luzine Caracasian, Head of Office; OPCOM, 16-18, Hristo Botev Blvd., Bucharest 3, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 3071406, Fax: (40-21) 3071400, E-mail: msandulescu@oper.ro, Contact: Ms. Mirela Sandulescu, Head of Strategy, Development and Investment Department

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Afforestation of Degraded Agricultural Land: The objective of the project is to provide for the afforestation of 6,033 ha of degraded agricultural land transferred from the agricultural into the forestry sector at sites located in seven judets south of Campia Romana, and for the ecological reconstruction of a portion of the Lower Danube Plains. Negotiations are under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75959. US\$ 3.1 (PCF). No consultants are required. National Forestry Administration, 31, Magheru Blv., Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 310-0626, Fax: (40-21) 222-8428, E-mail: rnp@rosilva.ro, Contact: Mr. Ion Dumitru, General Manager

Hazard Risk Mitigation and Emergency Preparedness: The objectives of the project are to: (a) reduce people's exposure to flooding and minimize flood damage; (b) identify and assess the risks resulting from industrial operations that might spill hazardous materials in the river catchment areas; (c) reduce the financial exposure of the public to disasters such as flooding and earthquakes; and (d) strengthen capacity for seismic risk mitigation and emergency preparedness. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 75163, 81950. US\$ 151.3/6.8 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Finance, 17 Apollodor St., Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-1) 410-3400, Contact: Mr. Stefan Petrescu, Director-General

Public Sector Governance

(R) Programmatic Adjustment (formerly under Structural Adjustment): The project will support the government's efforts to improve the performance of the executive and judiciary in each of the following institutional and governance areas: policy formulation and coordination; public expenditure management; human resource management; and the judiciary. The project will identify actions that the government and the judiciary will undertake in each of these areas as well as desired results. The project will also include (a) a component to monitor and evaluate these actions and results; and (b) development and implementation of an anti-corruption strategy and action plan. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 8791. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency is to be determined.

Rural Development

(R) Irrigation Rehabilitation and Reform (Ln. 4717-RO): (formerly under Agriculture) The objectives of the project are to: (i) achieve more economic use of irrigation through changes in farmers' and the Land Reclamation Agency's behavior, and (ii) increase agricultural productivity in the project area. *The loan was signed on 26 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 43881. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be needed to support implementation of the project and train water-user associations and other public institutions. Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, B-dul Carol I nr. 24, Sector 3, Cod 70044, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 314-4020; Contact: Mr. Cornel Tusa, Director, Project Management Unit.

Russian Federation

Education

(R) E-Learning Support: The project is the first element of an APL totaling US \$300.0 million. It aims at improving the accessibility, quality and efficiency of general and first level vocational education by (a) building sustainable capacity to produce high quality, afford-

able and flexible learning; (b) supporting pre-service and in-service teacher training with the introduction of information/communication technology methods into classrooms and embedding them in teaching and learning practices; and (c) establishing a network of resource centers to improve regional access to electronically enhanced education opportunities and dissemination of new teaching practices. The regions that have been selected to participate are Khabarovsk, Krasnoyarsk, Perm, Karelia, Stavropol, Chelyabinsk and Kaluga. *Negotiations completed.* Technical discussions are completed, and minutes of the discussions have been signed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75387. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). *Consultants have been hired.* National Training Foundation, 3/5 Smolensky Blvd., 119898 Moscow, Russia, Tel: (7-095) 246-1884, Fax: (7-095) 246-9892, E-mail: info@ntf.ru, Contact: Mrs. Elena Soboleva, Executive Director

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Rostov Nutrients Discharge and Methane Reduction: The objective of the project is to reduce the discharge of nutrients into the Don River, Azov Sea and Black Sea through (a) rehabilitation and improvement of the wastewater treatment plant in Rostov-on-Don, (b) configuration of the sewage network to reduce untreated wastewater overflow into the Don Tributary Temernik, (c) policy reform and pilot activities to promote phasing out of phosphate and polyphosphate discharges into the Don River watershed, and (d) replication of a comprehensive nutrient reduction approach in other parts of Russia and riparian countries of the Black Sea and Azov Sea. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71473. US\$ 10.5 (GEF). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Rostov Vodokanal, Gorky St. 293, 344019 Rostov, Russian Federation, Tel: (8-632) 652-580, (8-632) 653-202, Fax: (8-632) 518-318, Contacts: Boris Persidski, Director, and Sergei Schneider, PIU Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Child Welfare Development: The objectives of the project are to improve the welfare of the most vulnerable families and children, protect human capital, and ensure that the government is able to use its public resources more effectively to improve the welfare of families and children at risk. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77346. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Labor and Social Development, Birzhevaya Place #1, Moscow 101999 Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 928-0683, Fax: (7-095) 921-7369, Contact: Mr. A. P. Pochinok, Minister

(R) Health Reform Implementation (Ln. 4685-RU): The project will help the government and the Federal Ministry of Health to develop specific instruments that will support the health reform process. These instruments will be tested in two pilot regions. The main objectives of the project are to (a) identify a range of concrete measures to improve the cost-effectiveness and quality of health care; and (b) develop the technical, regulatory and institutional framework for reform at the federal and regional levels in order to facilitate implementation of these measures countrywide. *The loan was signed on 12 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 46497. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Russian Health Care Foundation, Malaya Trubetskaya ul., 12th Floor, Office 8, Moscow 119048, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 257-2508, Fax: (7-095) 787-2439, E-mail: Nlebedeva@rhcf.ru, Contact: Ms. Nadezhda Lebedeva, Director

(R) Tuberculosis and AIDS Control (Ln. 4687-RU): The project will (a) reduce the prevalence of tuberculosis (TB) and the incidence of HIV infection; and (b) improve access, quality and cost-effectiveness of TB, AIDS and STDs services. *The loan was signed on 12 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 64237. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services for preparation and implementation will be required. Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, Rakhmanovsky per. 3, Moscow, 101431 Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 257-2508, Fax: (7-095) 787-2439, E-mail Grechucha@rhcf.ru, Contact: Vladimir Grechukha, Project Director

Law and Justice

(N) Judicial Reform Support: The project aims at improving the performance of selected priority areas of the justice system with emphasis on dispute resolution. Since dispute resolution is concentrated in the courts, modernization of the judiciary represents the core of the proposed operation. Project preparation is under way. A mission will visit Moscow from 22 September to 2 October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76826. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during implementation. Russian Foundation for Legal Reform, 6, Admirala Makarova St., 2nd Floor, Moscow 125217 Russia, Tel: (7-095) 150-1472, Fax: (7-095) 150-0555, Contact: Ms. Olga Schwartz, Judicial Component Coordinator

Public Sector Governance

(R) Customs Development (Ln. 4689-RU): The project will reform and modernize the customs system with the objectives of: (a) facilitating international commerce, (b) enhancing the professional integrity and skills of State Customs Committee staff, (c) improving the level of voluntary compliance, (d) reducing the compliance burden for low risk transactions, and (e) increasing administrative efficiency. *The loan was signed on 27 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 72960. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Cofinancing with a Japanese Grant has been approved to hire consultants for preparation of key components, but the grant may be cancelled due to delays in signing. State Customs Committee, 11/5 Novozavodskaya Sq., Moscow 107842, Russia, Tel: (7-095) 449-7087, Fax: (7-095) 449-7082, Contact: Mr. Leonid Arkadievich Lozbenko, First Deputy Chairman

Land Registration and Cadastre: The objective of the project is to build efficient land administration systems with the purpose of contributing to the development of efficient markets for land and real estate. The basic thrust of the project is to improve the functioning of the registration and cadastre systems, with a primary focus on their mutual cooperation. This will include linking databases, elaborating existing procedures, and addressing improved customer interface. As part of the customer interface improvement, the project will be introducing means testing for improved access to services. The objectives are to reduce both the time and cost associated with transactions in land and real estate, to make those transactions more reliable, and to improve access for low-income segments of the population to services. Improved coordination of the cadastre and registration systems, along with strengthening their linkages with other parties, will result in improved government coordination of land and real estate administration. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78420. US\$ 130.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Land Cadastre Service, Prospect Vernadskogo 37, korpus 2, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 930-7351, Fax: (7-095) 930-2794, E-mail: alo@fccland.ru, Contact: Mr. Aleksei Overchuk, Deputy Chief; Ministry of Justice, Ulica Voroncova Polya, 4-A, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 206-0253, Fax: (7-095) 916-2903, Contact: Mr. Alexander Karlin, First Deputy Minister; Center for Land Reform Implementation Support Project (Project Preparation Unit), Tel/Fax: (7-095) 238-9062, E-mail: landrf@col.ru, Contact: Mr. Igor Rumiantsev, Director

Rural Development

Grain Market Infrastructure Development: The objective of the project is to support the key public sector interventions that, by reducing market risks and transaction costs, would leverage and enhance the efficiency of private sector investments and operations in grain marketing. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 79328. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, 1/11, Orlikov pereulok, Moscow 107139, Russian Federation, Tel/Fax (7-095) 207-6405, E-mail: a.zaitsev@prod.mcx.ru, Contact: Andrey Zaitsev, Deputy Director of Food Market Regulation and Quality Control Department

Urban Development

St. Petersburg Economic Development (Ln. 4694-RU): The objectives of the project are to rehabilitate eight historic buildings

of cultural value, replicate the Cultural Fund that was part of the St. Petersburg City Center Rehabilitation Project; and provide technical assistance to three major cultural institutions with a view to strengthening their capacity. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 May 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 69063. US\$ 161.1 (IBRD). Consultants have been selected. Ministry of Finance, 9 Ilyinka ul., Moscow 103097, Russia, Tel: (7-095) 913-4406, Fax: (7-095) 913-4531, Contact: Mr. Alexander Pavlov; Ministry of Culture, 7 Kitaygorodsky Proyezd, Moscow 103097, Russia, Tel: (7-095) 925-0608, Fax: (7-095) 925-9158, Contact: Mr. Mikhail Svidkoy, Minister; City of St. Petersburg, Smolny Palace, St. Petersburg 193060, Russia, Tel: (7-812) 319-9030, Fax: (7-812) 310-0002, Contact: Mr. A. Vakhmistrov, Vice-Governor for Construction

Serbia and Montenegro

Economic Management

(R) Second Structural Adjustment, Montenegro: The objective of the project is to support key reforms in Montenegro, the smaller of the two member states. Although the project is still being identified, it is expected that the reforms focus on promotion of economic growth and the consolidation of fiscal sustainability and are likely to be concentrated in the areas of private and financial sector development, the energy sector, pensions and health care. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 74908. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Republic of Montenegro, Stanka Dragojevic 2, Podgorica, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 224-450, Fax: (381-81) 242-835, E-mail: mf@cg.yu, Contact: H.E. Miroslav Ivanisevic, Minister

(R) Second Structural Adjustment, Serbia: The objective of the project is to support key reforms in Serbia, the larger of the two member states. Although the project is still being identified, it is expected that the reforms focus on promotion of economic growth (including restructuring of the enterprise sector), rationalization of public expenditures and improvement of the social safety net. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78457. US\$ 70.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Republic of Serbia, Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 3616-533, Fax: (381-11) 3616-535, E-mail: informacije@mfin.sr.gov.yu, Contact: H.E. Bozidar Djelic, Minister

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency: The objective of the project is to reduce the cost of clean energy for heating in order to integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs and reverse the loss of environmental resources. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75343. US\$ 10.0/4.0 (IBRD/GEF). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Mining and Energy, Nemanjina 22-26, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 334-6755, Fax: (381-11) 361-2307, Contacts: Ms. Antonela Popvic and Mr. Vladislav Pavicevic; Serbian Energy Efficiency Agency, Koste Glavinica 2, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 369-0987, E-mail: gvozden@uns.ns.ac.yu, Contact: Prof. Dusan Gvozdenac; Clinic Center of Serbia, Pasterova 2, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 687-160, Fax: (381-11) 657-949, Contact: Dr. Vojko Dukic

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Danube River Enterprise Pollution Reduction: The objective of the project is to increase the prevalence of environmentally sound practices among eligible enterprises and thereby reduce pollution of the Danube River. It will also aim at building capacity to improve environmental management. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84604. US\$ 18.4 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry for Protection of Environment and Natural Resources, 91. Dr. Ivana Ribara St., Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 161-180, Fax: (381-11) 158-793, E-mail: brana.andric@ekoserb.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Branka Andric, Special Adviser

(R) Montenegro Environmentally Sensitive Tourist Areas: The objective of the project is to improve environmental conditions in tourist areas by rehabilitating the environmental infrastructure in the affected coastal cities, including rehabilitation and improvement of collection capacity at some landfills and closing of other, uncontrolled disposal sites. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 11 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79116. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Crnogorsko Primorje (PEW), TRG Sunca 4, 85310 Budva, Republic of Montenegro, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-86) 452-034, 451-921, Fax: (381-86) 451-937/460, E-mail: p.bjelobrkovic@cg.yu, lovcenko@cg.yu, Contact: Predrac Bjelobrkovic, Director

Public Sector Governance

(R) Real Estate Cadastre and Registration: The objective of the project is to build more efficient land registration and cadastre systems in Serbia, with the purpose of contributing to the development of efficient real property markets. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78311. US\$ 11.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Governmental Geodetic Authority, Cara Dusana 1, 11000 Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, Tel: (38-11) 328-1784, Fax: (38-11) 620-569, E-mail: rgz@eunet.yu, Contact: Dr. Ivan Aleksic, Director General; Ministry of Urban Planning and Construction, Nemanjina 22, Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, Tel: (38-11) 361-4652, Fax: (38-11) 361-4653, E-mail: sumi@eunet.yu, Contact: Dr. Dragoslav Sumarac, Minister

Slovak Republic

Energy and Mining

(R) Industrial Cogeneration: The objective of the project is to modernize Chemosvit Energochem's electric production capacity in a way that will ensure maximum efficiency and environmental benefits. Without such modernization, the plant would most likely lose its obsolete steam-turbine capacity and deteriorate into a heat-only boiler plant, with all its electricity purchased from the grid. Under the project, some of the most efficient technology for gas-fired on-site cogeneration will be used. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 51829. US\$ 2.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Chemosvit Energochem a.s., Sturova 101, 059 2 Svit, Slovak Republic, Tel: (421-52) 715-2710, Fax: (421-52) 715-2434, E-mail: ferjancek.p@chemosvit.sk, Contact: Peter Ferjancek

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Sector Modernization Support Sectoral Adjustment: The objective of the project is to support comprehensive health sector reforms that promote fiscal sustainability while continuing to provide quality health care services and financial protection for the population. The overarching objectives are to: (a) improve fiscal discipline through structural changes in the health sector; (b) improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of the health sector; and (c) mitigate any possible negative impacts on health care access, especially for vulnerable populations. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 11 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 65954. US\$ 62.9 (IBRD). *Consultants have been hired.* Ministry of Health, Limbova 2, Bratislava, Tel: (421-2) 5937-3275, Fax: (421-2) 5937-3167, Contact: Jan Kralik

(R) Health Sector Modernization Support Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to support building capacity of the health system to become more efficient in the financing and delivery of health care services and to improve the quality of health care services while maintaining access to care for the population, especially vulnerable groups. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 11 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82879. US\$ 12.4 (IBRD). *Consultants have been hired.* Ministry of Health, Libova 2, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, Tel: (421-2) 5937-3275, Fax: (421-2) 5937-3167, Contact: Jan Kralik

Public Sector Governance

(N) Public Finance Management (Ln. 7178-SK): The project will finance technical assistance and training activities to support the government in improving budgetary and financial management. The loan was signed on 4 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 69864. US\$ 5.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation in the following areas: (a) budget preparation: formulation of budgetary policy review of sectoral policies and programs - the implementation of program budgeting; (b) support for the establishment of the debt management agency, the management of contingent liabilities and training in support of the new State Treasury; and (c) resident adviser for coordination of the reforms and project implementation. Ministry of Finance, Štefanovicova 5, 817 82 Bratislava 15, Slovak Republic, Tel: (421-2) 5958-2350/51, Fax: (421-2) 5958-2360, E-mail: pochotnický@mfsr.sk, Contact: Mr Pavol Ochotnický, Project Coordinator

Tajikistan

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Community Oriented Watershed Development: The objective of the project is to improve rural livelihoods and reduce rural poverty by assisting the rural community in the watershed through more efficient sustainable management of land resources. Specifically the project would: (a) improve the policy, legal, and institutional framework; (b) empower local communities to enable them to play a full role in the management of land resources; and (c) promote sustainable use of land resources to enhance their income levels. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PIDs: 77454/81159. US\$ 10.0/4.5 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Project Management Unit/Ministry of Water Resources, 145-147, 44 Rudaki St., Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 218-566, Fax: (992-372) 510-117, E-mail: r_center@tajnet.com and rirp@tajnet.com, Contacts: Mr. T. Ostanaev, Director, PMU, Mr. Koimdadov Kozidovlat, Deputy Prime Minister, Rural Development

Finance

(R) Banking and Private Sector Support: The objectives of the project are to improve access to finance for small- and medium-scale enterprises and simultaneously improve participating banks' capacity for SME lending. *Following an appraisal mission, the feasibility of this project was being re-evaluated. The PHRD grant has closed. The project has been placed on reserve. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 66304. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). *No consultants are required.* National Bank of Tajikistan, PO Box 734025, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 212-628, Fax: (992-372) 212-628, Contact: Mr. Alimardanov, Chairman

Turkey

Education

(R) Secondary Education: The project will support secondary education development through measures such as: (a) an increase in the number of schools; (b) curriculum development; (c) pre-service and in-service training for teachers; (d) furnishing of educational materials and information technology equipment; (e) provision of examinations, assessments, certification, career guidance, counseling services and management information systems; and (f) school improvement projects. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66149. US\$ 175.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of National Education, Guniz Sok No. 50-52 Kavakhdere, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 428-8573, Fax: (90-312) 428-8635, E-mail: tepfinbr@meb.gov.tr, Contact: Bilge Nazikioglu, Director, Program Coordination Team

Energy and Mining

(R) Renewable Energy: (formerly under Power) The objective of this project is to increase privately owned and operated distributed power generation from renewable sources ("qualified renewable power generation projects") in the Turkish Electricity Market.

Negotiations are completed. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for 6 April 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 72480. US\$ 205.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MENR), Inonu Bulvari No. 36, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 222-4059, Fax: (90-312) 212-6984, E-mail: budakd@tedas.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Budak Dilli, Deputy Director General; Turkish Industrial Development Bank (TKB - Turkiye Sinai Kalkinma Bankasi), Meclis Mebusan Caddesi No. 161, 80040 Findikli, Istanbul, Turkey, Tel: (90-212) 334-5261, Fax: (90-212) 243-2975, E-mail: beskoko@tskb.com.tr, Contact: Mr. Orhan Beskok, Executive Vice President; Turkish Development Bank (TKB - Turkiye Kalkinma Bankasi), Necatibey Caddesi No. 98, Bakanliklar 06100, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 231-0062, Fax: (90-312) 230-2394, E-mail: c-inankur@tkb.com.tr, Contact: Ms. Cansel Inankur, Deputy General Manager

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Anatolia Watershed Rehabilitation: The objective of the project is to support sustainable natural resource management practices in 60 microcatchments in Anatolia and Turkey's Black Sea Region and thereby raise incomes of communities affected by resource degradation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 70950/75094. US\$ 37.0/7.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Undersecretariat of Treasury, Inonu Bulvari, Emek, 06530 Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-0297, Fax: (90-312) 212-8737, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Ms. Aysen Kulakoglu, Head, World Bank Projects; General Directorate of Afforestation and Erosion Control, Ministry of Forestry, Gazi Tesisleri No. 11, Sogutozu, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 212-5596, Fax: (90-312) 212-5532, Contact: Planning and Coordination Department; General Directorate of Production and Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Tel: (90-312) 418-5982, Fax: (90-312) 417-0026, Contact: Mr. Eyup Koksall, Project Coordinator; General Directorate Control and Protection, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Contact: Aldulmecit Yesil; General Directorate of Rural Affairs, Tel: (90-312) 287-8092, Fax: (90-312) 287-8091, Contact: Mr. Hasan Balaban, Department Head; Foreign Relations Department, Ministry of Environment, Tel: (90-312) 287-9963 Ext. 4113, Fax: (90-312) 285-3739, Contact: Ms. Guzin Arat, Section Head

Finance

Third Programmatic Financial and Public Sector Adjustment: The objective of the project is to support implementation of the government's financial and public sector reform priorities in response to the 2001 economic crisis, while ensuring that social programs are adequately funded and increasingly better targeted. Negotiations are continuing. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82996. US\$ 900.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for preparation and supervision of selected components. Undersecretariat of Treasury, Inönü Bulvari 36, 06510 Emek, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-6873, Fax: (90-312) 212-8550, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Melih Nemli, Acting General Director, General Directorate of External Economic Relations

Health, Nutrition and Population

(N) Health Transformation: The project aims at narrowing the gap in the access to quality and utilization of health services with other middle-income and EU countries by extending health insurance coverage to the entire Turkish population and reducing inequalities in access to health care, especially for the poor and those living in rural and peri-urban areas. Preparation mission was scheduled for 29 September - 10 October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 74053. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 06100, Sıhhiye, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 435-7100, Fax: (90-312) 431-4879, E-mail: sabahittin@saglik.gov.tr, Contact: Prof. Dr. Sabahittin Aydin, Undersecretary; Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Inönü Bulvari No. 42, Emek, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 212-0257, Fax: (90-312) 212-5239, E-mail: mgur@csb.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Mustafa Gür, Deputy Undersecretary

Public Sector Governance

Programmatic Public Sector Adjustment: The project is designed to support the coming phase of the Government's public sector reform program. This phase of public sector reform encompasses: (i) structural fiscal reforms in support of sustained fiscal adjustment, (ii) public expenditure management reforms, and (iii) institutional reforms to improve public governance. The program to be supported by the proposed PPSAL will build on the progress achieved under the programmatic financial and public sector adjustment loans (PFPSAL I, PFPSAL II and a proposed PFPSAL III). Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 71052. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Undersecretariat of Treasury, Inonu Bulvari, Eskisehir Yolu, Emek, 06530, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-6873, Fax: (09-312) 212-8737, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Melih Nemli, Acting General Director of External Relations

Water and Sanitation

Municipal Services: The project will help develop a sustainable municipal finance system. To this end, Iller Bank, a municipal bank, is expected to be restructured so that it can make long term loans to finance municipal investments. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 81880. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined Implementing agency (ies) to be determined

Ukraine

Information and Communication

(R) E-Development (Ln. 4692-UA): (formerly under *Infrastructure*) The objectives of the project are to enhance government efficiency, foster private sector development, and strengthen civil society through the introduction of innovative models of information and communication technologies solutions. The project is focused on three areas: E-Government, E-Business environment and Public-Private E-Dialog. The E-Government component will introduce models of e-procurement and e-documentation flow, so that they can be replicated in public administration at the central and regional levels. The E-Business environment component will support establishing a legal and regulatory framework, based on best practices and compatible with EU standards, with the ultimate goal of legalizing on-line transactions. The Public-Private E-Dialog component will provide for on-line solutions and tools that will facilitate active citizen participation in the development of public policies and services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 May 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74885. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for work on: (a) the government electronic procurement system; (b) the government electronic documents flow system; (c) regulations for enabling on-line business transactions; (d) a pattern for on-line dialogue between public authorities and citizens at the national and regional levels; and (e) assessments of the effectiveness of the developed techniques mentioned above. Ministry of Economy, 12/2 Hrushevskoho St., Kiev, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 296-9873/9671, E-mail: nkorol@ukr.net, Contact: Mr. Nikolai Korol, PIU Director

Public Sector Governance

(R) First State Tax Service Modernization (Ln. 4698-UA): (Phase 1 of State Tax Service Modernization Program, a two-phase APL) The objective of the project is to help the government modernize its tax system and bring about comprehensive organizational, management and operational reforms in tax administration. *The loan was signed on 4 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 57815. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). External and local consulting services will be hired during implementation. State Tax Administration of Ukraine, 8, Lvivska Square, 04655, Kiev 55, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 247-3309, Fax: (380-44) 212-4597, E-mail: sta_project@sta.gov.ua, Contact: Mr. Oleksiy Shytria, First Deputy Head

(R) Municipal Development Program: The program seeks to develop a sustainable system for financing local government investments that would expand and improve local services and infrastructure. Such a system would also support the government in

refining recently reformed intergovernmental fiscal arrangements. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 56806. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). PHRD-funded preparation activities have included (a) consulting services for the Ministry of Finance, (b) technical assistance to municipalities that wish to apply for financing, (c) design of guidelines and an operational manual, and (d) purchase of office equipment. Ministry of Finance, M. Hrushevskoho St., Kyiv 01008 Ukraine, 11 Mezhygirsk St., Kyiv 04071 Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 253-5428/6256/3192, 226-2044, 201-5605, Fax: (380-44) 293-8243, 229-1803, E-mail: infomf@minfin.gov.ua, Contact: Mr. Fedir Yaroshenko, State Secretary

(R) System Development of the State Statistics for Monitoring the Social and Economic Transformation: The objective of the project is to restructure the statistical system including support for development of statistical infrastructure, modification of modes of data collection, improvement of data processing and dissemination. *Negotiations are scheduled for late October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76338. US\$ 31.2 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required for development of a computer network to deploy the statistics plan and other purposes.* State Statistical Committee, 3 Shota Rustaveli St., Kyiv 23, 252023 Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 226-2021, Fax: (380-44) 227-611, Contact: Victor Holovko, First Deputy Chairman

Programmatic Adjustment II: The project will continue to support implementation of the government's medium-term institutional and structural reform program with an objective of improving public and private sector governance. The main cross-cutting thematic areas will be: (a) improved financial and fiscal discipline; (b) better regulatory framework; (c) more effective protection of property rights; (d) improved public sector efficiency and accountability; and (e) enhanced management of social and environmental risks. In each area, specific benchmarks will capture the achievement of tangible reform outcomes. Typical benchmarks would include measurable results in the reduction of budget and tax arrears, improved payment discipline, restructuring of government debt to commercial banks and introduction of independent regulators in key infrastructural sectors (energy, telecom, non-banking financial services). Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 23 October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74972. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, 12/2, M. Hrushevskoho St., Kiev 01008, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 253-7466, Fax: (380-44) 253-8243, E-mail: infomf@minfin.gov.ua, Contact: Mykola Azarov, First Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine and Minister of Finance of Ukraine.

Rural Land Titling and Cadastre Development (Ln. 4709-UA): The primary objective of the project would be to allocate land parcels to individuals in rural areas on an equitable basis, establish their property rights by issuing titles, and encourage the restructuring of farms into more efficient units, with due consideration for environmental and social safeguards. A secondary objective of the project would be to establish a cadastre and title registry system where rights to immovable property could be registered. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 35777. US\$ 195.1 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for advisory, design, implementation assistance, and training. State Committee of Ukraine for Land Resources, 12, Muzeyny Lane, Kyiv 01601, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 253-6624/1613, 226-2170, Fax: (380-44) 253-1613, E-mail: cityland@derzhkomzem.gov.ua, Contact: Mr. Sergiy Kubakh, Department of the State Land Register and Coordination of the State Cadastre Centers

Rural Development

Rural Finance: The project would finance: (a) rural credit and leasing for private rural farm and non-farm enterprises, rural entrepreneurs, and farmers; (b) development of retail banking and microfinance institutions that can serve rural areas; and (c) project management and technical assistance in rural financial market development. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 76553. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 12/2 Hrushevsky St., Kyiv,

01008, Tel: (380-44) 293-7466, Fax: (380-44) 293-8243, E-mail: infof@minfin.gov.ua, Contact: Ms. Natalya Konovalenoro, Head, MU-RFP

Uzbekistan

Public Sector Governance

Public Finance Management Reform: The project will provide technical assistance, equipment and software to improve fiscal discipline, strategic resource allocation, and efficiency of budget resource use by placing the budget into a medium-term framework, strengthening budget preparation, execution, and monitoring capacity, increasing fiscal transparency as well as implementing modern Treasury information technology systems. A Project Preparation Facility Advance in the amount of US\$ 400,000 has been approved to improve budget formulation and streamline budget execution in project preparation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70084. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.5 has been approved for preparation of IT systems for the State Treasury. Ministry of Finance, 5 Mustakillik Sq., Tashkent 700008, Republic of Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 139-4646, Fax: (998-71) 139-1625, Contact: Jamshid A. Kuchkarov, Deputy Minister

Water and Sanitation

Drainage, Irrigation and Wetlands Improvement Phase I (Ln. 4707-UZ, Cr. 3796-UZ): The main objectives of the project are to: (i) increase productivity of irrigated agriculture, employment and incomes in Karakalpakstan, one of the poorest regions in Central Asia; (b) improve the quality of the Amu Darva river by the safe disposal of the drainage effluent, and enhance the quality of wetlands in the Amu Darya delta; and (c) development of institutions for improving water management, operation and maintenance of the irrigation and drainage systems, and for promoting sustainable irrigated agriculture through participatory irrigation management. Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 9127. US\$ 35.0/25.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services for construction supervision have been selected. Selection of consulting services is under way for monitoring, evaluation and implementation of environmental management plan. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, 4 Novoy St., Tashkent, 700004 Uzbekistan, Tel: (988-711) 1448429, Fax: (998-711) 422-885, Contact: Mr. G. S. Tsukirov, Technical Director, Project Implementation Unit

Karshi Pumping Cascade Rehabilitation: The project will (a) rehabilitate and improve the most critical components of the pumping cascade which supplies water to an irrigation command area of 35,000 ha, and (b) initiate the creation of sustainable water management institutions in the irrigation command area. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for late November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57903. US\$ 30.0/25.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants have been selected. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Navoi St. 44, 700011, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (988-712) 422-986, 422-985, Contact: Mr. G. S. Tsukirov, Technical Director, Project Implementation Unit

Middle East and North Africa

Algeria

Education

(R) Education Sector Reform: (formerly Social Sectors Technical Assistance under Social Sector) The project would support applying to operations reforms in the education, health, and social protection sectors by strengthening analytical and management capacity. It would do this through: (a) modernizing MIS systems; (b) transferring technical expertise; (c) providing access to international exper-

ience with the institutional and political aspects of policy reform in the social sectors; and (d) providing training in general management and policy analysis. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency to be determined

Information and Communication

(R) ICT Development Support: (formerly under Infrastructure) The objective of the project is to create an enabling environment to: (a) improve access to efficient and affordable information and communications technology (ICT) services; (b) facilitate private sector growth in ICT; (c) improve the competitiveness of national firms; and (d) enhance the efficiency of government services delivery. To accomplish this, the project will support the government's program to: (a) strengthen the ICT policy and regulatory framework; (b) leverage ICT to promote business and government competitiveness; (c) support "net-enterprise" development; and (d) strengthen communications strategy and capacity building. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: DZPE75664. US\$ 22.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, 4 Blvd. Krim Belkacem, Alger, Algérie, Tel: (213-21) 731-769, Fax: (213-2) 712-007, E-mail: ucsp@postelecom.dz, younsioui@postelecom.dz, Contacts: Mme. Sayah Salihah, Project Coordinator, M. Younsioui Ali, Secrétaire Général

Egypt

Education

(R) Skills Development (Ln. 7189-EGT): The objective of the project is to pilot and test a new funding mechanism for demand-driven training to improve the relevance of training and to help the private business sector improve its productivity and competitiveness. This would be achieved by linking public expenditure for training with the skill requirements of small and medium size firms. Approved by the Executive Directors on 31 July 2003. *The project was scheduled to be signed in Cairo on 16 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 49702. US\$ 5.5 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required in carrying out awareness and promotion campaigns, training needs assessments, preparation of training proposals, technical assistance to training providers, monitoring and evaluation. Ministry of Industry and Technological Development, Latin America St., 7th Floor, Garden City, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 794-7648, Fax: (202) 792-1191, Contact: Ms. Akham El-Zawahry, E-mail: aza-zawahry@ie-eg.com

Early Childhood Education Enhancement: The objective of the project is to improve school readiness of preschool children (4-5 year olds), especially those from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds, through (a) increased access to early childhood education (ECE) programs, (b) improved quality of ECE programs, and (c) enhanced central and local capacity to implement ECE programs. Preparation mission was scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Education's Project Preparation and Monitoring Unit, 8 El-Falaky St., Bab El Louk, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 578-7643/4, Contact: Dr. Lotfalla Emam

Water and Sanitation

Integrated Irrigation Improvement and Management: The objectives of the project are to (a) improve irrigation and drainage infrastructure for about 200,000 ha, (b) provide equipment and materials for irrigation and drainage pumping stations, (c) establish water user associations and (d) build irrigation capacity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required through preparation and implementation. Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Khalafawi Post No. 11614, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 220-3802, 444-2802/3802, Fax: (202) 444-1192, E-mail: iiscairo@thewayout.net, Contact: Eng. Kemal Enany, First Under Secretary and Head of the Irrigation Improvement Sector

Iran

Urban Development

(R) Earthquake Emergency Recovery (Ln. 4697-IRN): The objective of the project is to assist the government with reconstruction of damaged properties including housing, schools, clinics and public utilities. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 June 2003. *The loan was signed on 28 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 180.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation and study of disaster insurance models. Ministry of Interior, Dr. Fatemi Ave., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 895-5941/2/3, Fax: (98-21) 657-247, Contact: Dr. Hamzeh Shakib, PMU Director

(R) Urban Upgrading and Housing Reform Program: (formerly under Infrastructure) The objectives of the project are to: (a) provide affordable housing to low to moderate income households and (b) further develop market institutions of the housing sector in areas such as insurance, finance, construction and real estate brokerage. The first phase will focus on housing sector reforms and priority interventions to improve living conditions of the poor in under-serviced settlements in three cities. The second phase aims at increasing long-term resource mobilization for housing finance and upgrading of urban centers in three cities. The third phase will seek to deepen the impact of the housing sector reforms and spread the urban upgrading program wider. Appraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for late October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73433. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, 60 Bijan St., Vanak Sq., Tehran, Iran, Fax: (98-21) 879-5957, Contact: Mr. Nasser Nikoueresht, Secretary, National Habitat Committee.

Water and Sanitation

Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and extend existing water and sanitation systems in the cities of Ahwaz, Shiraz, Rasht, Anzali, Sari and Babool. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 240.0 (IBRD). Consultants have submitted drafts of feasibility studies and environmental and social assessments, to which the Bank has provided its comments. National Water and Wastewater Engineering Company, 8 Shahid Abdollah-zadeh St., Keshavars Blvd., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 895-3319, Fax: (98-21) 895-5795, Contact: Mr. Elahipannah, PMU Director

Jordan

Energy and Mining

(R) Samra First Private Power: (formerly under Power) The project will consist of a 480 MW, gas-fired, combined-cycle power plant to be located near Amman and developed by the private sector on a build, own and operate (BOO) basis. It will (a) support the government's initiative for private power generation and its efforts to tap new sources of private capital for the power sector and (b) add new power generating capacity at competitive prices while developing the use of gas for power generation and improving the efficiency and reliability of the power supply. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 57862. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). A legal and financial consulting firm has been advising the Ministry on the project since 1999. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, PO Box 140027, Amman, Jordan, Fax: (962-6) 582-1398, Contact: Eng. Khaldoun Qutishat, Secretary General

Morocco

Education

Education Reform: The project will implement reforms in basic education. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 43412. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de l'éducation nationale et de la jeunesse, Bab Rouah, Rabat, Moroc, Tel: (212-37) 681-509, Fax: (212-37) 772-042, E-mail: lamrini@men.gov.ma, Contact: Mr. Ahmed Lamrini, Secrétaire générale, MENJ

Law and Justice

(R) Public Administration Reform: The objective of the project is to improve the effectiveness of public resource management, a key step for accelerated growth and poverty reduction. *Appraisal is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78565. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of General Affairs, Contact: Minister

Rural Development

(R) Integrated Forestry: The objective of the project is to improve the management of biodiversity and natural resources. This will be achieved by (a) sustainably managing forest, water and soil resources and improving agricultural production in peri-forestry areas; (b) improving socio-economic conditions of the rural population; (c) protecting the country's biodiversity; (d) increasing industrial and artisanal wood production; and (e) enhancing forest based services for people's use and enjoyment whether from cities or the countryside. In addition, improved carbon storage resulting from increased vegetative cover and better forest management will contribute to reducing net emissions of greenhouse gases. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75561. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère chargés des Eaux et Forêts, Quartier Administratif, BP 607, Rabat, Morocco, Fax: (212-37) 768-496, Mr. M. Anechoum, Secretary General

(R) Rainfed Agriculture Development: (formerly under Agriculture) The objective of the project is to promote sustainable agricultural development in rainfed areas that will help reduce the rural-urban gap. To this end, the proposed project would have the following specific objectives: (a) to build institutional capacity in rainfed areas for project identification and implementation in partnership with local organizations; (b) to improve the livelihoods and incomes of the local population in four priority areas; and (c) to reduce the vulnerability of the production systems to drought. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2003. Loan signing is expected by late October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69124. US\$ 26.8 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Forests, Tel: (212-37) 299-945, Fax: (212-37) 698-434, Contact: M. Benmakhlof, Director of Land Development

Water and Sanitation

(N) Historical Centers Revitalization - Meknes: The objective of the project is to revitalize the historical city of Meknes focusing on conservation of main monuments and public spaces, housing maintenance, urban infrastructure rehabilitation, improvements to the city's productive commercial areas, support to handicraft production and marketing, social development and promotion of cultural tourism. The project will also support a long-term strategy for the revitalization of other historic centers. Project preparation is scheduled to start in FY04. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76921. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during preparation to carry out technical and institutional studies. Wilaya of Meknes-Tafilalet, Tel: (212-37) 555-1271, Fax: (212-37) 555-10064, Contact: Mr. El Mansouri, Délégué Régional de l'Aménagement du Territoire; Ministry of Housing, Culture and Tourism, c/o Ministère des Affaires Economiques et Generales et de Mise a Niveau de l'Economie, Nouveau Quartier Administratif, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 687-316, Fax: (212-37) 774-287, E-mail: hillali@affaires-generales.gov.ma, Contact: M. Mohammed Hillali, City of Meknes

Tunisia

Education

(N) Education Quality Improvement II: The objective of the project, the second phase of an APL, is to continue implementing the education reform agenda begun in 1991 and updated in 1995 and 2002. This reform agenda aims to complement other initiatives designed to increase economic growth and better prepare the country for integration into the world economy. Preappraisal mission was scheduled for October. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82999. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry

of Education and Training, Ministère de l'Éducation et de la Formation, Ave. Bab B'Nat, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel/Fax: (216-71) 569-294, E-mail: sellami.abelmalek@minedu.edunet.tn, Contact: Mr. Abdelmalek Sellami, Coordonateur PAQSET

Higher Education Reform Support II: The objective of the project is to support the government in its higher education reform efforts, focusing on building up traditional and alternative models to increase enrollment opportunity, improving the quality and relevance of higher education teaching and research, and broadening sources of higher education finance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75809. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur, Av. Ouled Haffouz, 1030 Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 849-971, Fax: (216-71) 801-701, E-mail: hedi.zaiem@mes.rnu.tn, Contact: Mr Hedi Zaiem, Président de la commission chargée de la préparation du projet d'appui à la réforme de l'enseignement supérieur II

Private Sector Development

Export Development II: The objective of the project is to build upon and anchor more deeply the reforms started under the first Export Development project with the intention of encouraging a more supportive export environment. Areas of emphasis will include: (a) improving access to export market through institutional reform and improving export promotion services; (b) modernizing trade-related services and facilitating trade through improvements in logistics and distribution, as well as procedures, especially at the level of customs and ports. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Commerce and Tourism, 1, ave. Mohamed V, 1001 Tunis, Tunisie, Tel: (216-71) 341-077, Fax: (216-71) 350-997, Contact: H. E. Mr. Mondher Znaïdi

West Bank and Gaza

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Conditional Cash Transfer: The objective of the project is to mitigate the impact of the present social and economic crisis on the most vulnerable by protecting and promoting the human capital of poor children. The long-term objective is to slow further loss of human capital, irreversible once it has occurred. These two objectives are to be achieved by adding a conditional cash transfer scheme to an existing program in the Ministry of Social Affairs. In the face of sharply reduced household incomes, this would be accomplished by supporting the investment of poor families in the education, health and nutrition of their children. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81477. US\$ 10.0 (Trust Fund). For preparation, consulting services are required for communications/awareness programs and for training of ministry staff. An audit firm will be contracted to monitor implementation. Consulting services will be required for program monitoring and evaluation. Ministry of Social Affairs, Old Housing Bldg., Rimal, Gaza, Tel: (972-8) 282-9193/7102, Fax: (972-8) 282-7474, Contact: Mr. Walid Emtair, Director General

Second Health System Development: The project was originally intended to relocate and upgrade the management and infrastructure of the two main hospital systems in West Bank and Gaza (Shifaa Hospital in Gaza City and Al-Watani Hospital in Nablus), which provide critical services in the northern Gaza and northern West Bank regions, but whose quality of care is severely constrained by substandard facilities and poor locations. The project has been redesigned in light of new priorities emerging from the security situation. Included in the project is the preparation of two hospital master plans, two regional hospital rationalization plans, and capacity building of the hospital management system, including information technology-related activities, waste management, and quality of care. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64988. US\$ 5.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants have been selected for preparation work. Ministry of Health, Project Implementation Unit, Gaza City, Gaza, Tel: (972-7) 282-5653, Fax: (972-7) 282-5643, E-mail: piugaza@hally.net, Contact: Engineer Jawad Abu El-Gomboz, Director

Water and Sanitation

(R) Emergency Water: (formerly under Infrastructure) The project is a stand-alone component of a larger emergency program to alleviate pressing shortages in water supply in the southern area of the West Bank. The program comprises: a) drilling and equipping water wells, b) installing transmission pipelines and c) rehabilitating and extending water distribution networks. In addition to financing capital investments, the project will support a technical assistance package to strengthen the capacity of the Palestinian Water Authority to implement and supervise other projects. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65921. US\$ 12.5 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Palestinian Water Authority, Ramallah, West Bank, Tel: (972-2) 295-9022, Fax: (972-2) 298-1241, E-mail: pwaib@planet.com, Contact: Dr. Ihab Barghothi, Project Director

Gaza Water and Sanitation II: The project will (a) develop a sustainable institutional structure of the water and wastewater sector in the Gaza Strip by supporting the establishment of a Coastal Water Utility under the ownership of the local governments representing those communities as well as by enhancing and deepening the involvement of the private sector, and strengthening the regulatory and institutional capacity of the Palestinian Water Authority; and (b) continue improving the water and sanitation services, through rehabilitation, upgrading and expansion of the existing systems and facilities. Project preparation is under way but has been delayed by the deteriorating security conditions. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65920. US\$ 25.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Palestinian Water Authority, PWA Bldg., Shifa St., Gaza City, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-8) 282-2696, Fax: (972-8) 283-4686, 282-2697, Contact: Dr. Khairy Al-Jamal

Yemen

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Third Social Fund for Development: The project will continue to build on the first two successful Social Fund Projects by supporting the financing of a) social, and economic infrastructure, b) micro enterprises and c) capacity building activities for a wide range of government, and nongovernment institutions. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82498. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Mainly individual consultants in the area of Micro finance will be required. The Social Fund for Development, PO Box 5485 Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 240-417, Fax: (967-1) 243-173, E-mail: sfd@sfd-yemen.org, Contact: Mr. Abdul Karim Al-Arhabi, Managing Director

Water and Sanitation

(N) Third Public Works: The objective of the project is to provide basic infrastructure services for health, education, water supply, waste water, roads and vocational training. It will target communities in areas with high poverty densities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Steering Committee/Project Management Unit, PO Box 18316, Al-Seteen St., Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 448-106, Fax: (967-1) 448-110, E-mail: pwp@net.ye, Contact: M. Saeed Abdo Ahmed, Project Manager

(R) Sana'a Basin Water Management (Cr. 3774-YEM): The project will be the first five-year slice of a program supported by an Adaptable Program Credit with a period of 12-15 years. The program objectives are to (a) increase both the quantity and the usable life of the available water resources for domestic and industrial use within the basin and to postpone new supply investments from outside the basin; and (b) increase efficiency of agricultural use in order to gain time for a gradual shift to a less water-based rural economy. The project objective is to test demand and supply management methods, as well as institutional and regulatory arrangements for full implementation of the program by (a) developing technical and institutional water supply and demand-management methods for large-scale implementation; (b) establishing regulatory, legal and institutional framework for basin management; and (c) preparing phase two

of the program. *The credit was signed on 26 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 64981. US\$ 24.0 (IDA). Consulting services have been engaged. National Water Resources Authority, PO Box 8944, Sana'a, Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 231-733, Fax: (967-1) 231-733, E-mail: nwra@y.net.ye, Contact: Dr. Jamal Mohamed Abdo, Chairman

Groundwater and Soil Conservation: The objective of the project is to improve the efficiency of water conveyance for irrigation by introducing piped systems and modern irrigation techniques. This will result in reducing groundwater removal and depletion of the aquifer. The project will also support rehabilitation and modernization of small spate schemes, pilot terrace rehabilitation and improved watershed management. Appraisal was scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74413. US\$ 40.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 282-445, Fax: (967-1) 282-999, Contact: Mr. Fareed Mujawar, Deputy Minister

Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina

Energy and Mining

(R) Mining Decontamination: (*formerly under Industry*) The objectives of the project are to clean up uranium mines and tailing sites and strengthen the environmental management capacity of the responsible agency, Comisión Nacional Energía Atómica. Appraisal and negotiations are postponed due to country situation. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 57124. US\$ 16.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Comisión Nacional Energía Atómica, Ave. del Libertador 8250, 3er Piso, Oficina 3352, Buenos Aires 1429, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4704-1217, Fax: (54-11) 4704-1165, E-mail: gregui@cnea.gov.ar, Contact: José Gregui, Project Coordinator

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Provincial Maternal-Child Health Sector Adjustment: (*formerly Health Sector Adjustment*) The objectives of the project are to (a) support improvements in the efficiency of public expenditures in the health sector at national and provincial levels and (b) address the immediate needs of the most vulnerable groups in the least well endowed provinces. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 72637. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Ministry of Health, Ave. 9 de Julio, 1925 (1332), Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4372-3832, Fax: (54-11) 4384-6997, Contact: Oscar Filomena, Coordinador General de la UFI-Salud

Water and Sanitation

Urban Drainage Infrastructure and Management: The project is designed to resolve the highest priority bottlenecks in the macro-drainage systems of economically active metropolitan areas, in order to provide rapid flood relief. However, the main purpose is to establish the strategies, guidelines and institutional framework for proper storm water drainage management. Therefore, this program is intended to serve as a catalyst for efficient investments in drainage infrastructure at both the macro- and micro-level, through institutional capacity building and development of appropriate technical standards and best practices. As a result, the country should be able to reverse the current trend and reduce the severe costs associated with flooding. Project preparation is very advanced, supported in part by a PHRD grant. Nonetheless, project approval and implementation are uncertain at this point in view of the country situation. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 57453. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants have completed, as part of the preparation activities supported by the PHRD grant, rapid drainage assessments for 15 metropolitan

areas and integrated drainage master plans for Resistencia and Salta. Unidad Coordinadora de Proyectos con Financiamiento Externo (UCPFE), Secretaría de Obras Públicas, Ministerio de Economía, Av. Hipolito Yrigoyen 250, Piso 11, Oficina 1110, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel/Fax: (54-11) 4343-7550/7548, Contact: Juan Carlos Gimenez, Project Coordinator

Belize

Education

Education Sector Improvement: The objectives of the project are (a) to support implementation of a primary and a secondary school reform program that would increase access, equity, and quality of education; and (b) to assist the government in the design of appropriate policies and levels of budget support for sustainable education programs. This project has been placed on hold until the fiscal situation improves. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 6106. US\$ 12.4 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Belmopan, Belize, Tel: (501-2) 32062, Fax: (501-2) 31762, E-mail: moeproject@btl.net, Contact: Ernest Raymond, Project Coordinator

(R) Bahia Development Education Sector Program APL Second Phase (Ln. 7186-BR): The second phase of the program will seek to: (a) improve fundamental and secondary school outcomes, as measured by improvements in dropout and promotion rates and student performance on standardized tests; and (b) increase access to secondary schools, as measured by an increase in secondary enrollments. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for *October 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70827. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired for project preparation and may be required for implementation. Secretariat of Education of the State of Bahia, Bahia Espl. dos Ministerios, B1. L, 80 Andar - Gabinete, CEP 70047-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 410-9670, Fax: (55-61) 410-9233, Contact: Anaci Bispo Paim, Secretary

(R) Pernambuco Integrated Development: Education Quality Improvement: The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the quality, efficiency and inclusiveness of the public education system; (b) modernize and strengthen the managerial, financial and administrative capacity of the Secretariat of Education to set policies and guidelines for the sector and deliver public education efficiently; and (c) support the overall state modernization effort. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for *mid-October 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 69934. US\$ 31.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Basic Education Secretariat, Rua Siqueira Campos, 304 CEP 50010-010 Recife, PE, Brazil, Tel: (55-81) 3224-3333, Fax: (55-81) 3423-7285, E-mail: mozartnr@educacao.pe, Contact: Mozart Neves, Secretary

(R) Rio Integrated Early Childhood Development: The project will expand and improve the quality of integrated services provided to young children (ages 0 to 6 years) from low-income families, including children with disabilities and other special needs. These services comprise education, health, social assistance and income generation provided by a network of governmental and nongovernmental institutions. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for *mid-October 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 6525. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Prefeitura da Cidade do Rio de Janeiro, Centro Administrativo São Sebastião, Rua Afonso Cavalcanti, 455, 3o Andar CEP 20211-110 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, Tel: (55-021) 293-0393, Fax: (55-021) 293-0638, E-mail: smograbi@pcrj.rj.gov.br, Contact: Dra. Sonia Maria Correa Mograbi, Secretaria de Educação

Higher Education Improvement: The objectives of the project are to increase access to tertiary education and facilitate the transition to a more diverse, higher quality and more efficient system. The main means for increasing access in the private system will be a loan program for qualified but needy students. The main means for increasing quality, efficiency and relevancy will be the support of a new funding system and regulatory framework under which institutions are free to make decisions, but resource allocation is tied to performance as defined by the government's policy priorities. Project pro-

cessing is on hold. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 65527. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Secretariat of Higher Education, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco L, 8o Andar, Gabinete CEP 70047-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 410-9670, Fax: (55-61) 410-9233, Contact: Cristovan Buarque, Ministro de Estado, Ministério da Educação

Energy and Mining

Energy Sector Technical Assistance (Ln. 4780-BR): The objective of the project is to help ensure sustainable implementation of the government's ongoing energy sector reform program, through technical assistance in specific areas and by providing a mechanism for continuing dialogue with policymakers about longer-term sector reform. This operation focuses on the power sector, where there are more urgent reform needs and the greater consensus on the reform agenda; the hydrocarbons sector is covered directly only with respect to provision of natural gas for electricity generation, although certain other components, such as institutional strengthening, would affect it as well. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for late September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76977. US\$ 12.1 (IBRD). No consultants are required for project preparation. Secretariat of Energy, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bl. U, 8o Andar, Sala 806, CEP 70065-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 319-5099, Contact: Amilcar Guerreiro, Advisor to the Executive Secretary

Environment and Natural Resources Management

PROÁGUA II: The objectives of the project are to (a) promote a continuous policy of sustainable use and participatory management of water resources in federal rivers, especially in the South, Southeast and Center West; (b) decentralize the function of water resources management to independent-user associations and river basin committees; and (c) evaluate an appropriate institutional framework for the creation and expansion of a network for technical support and operation of an integrated water resource management to make effective use of water resources from federal and state rivers. Project processing is on hold. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 57650. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. National Water Agency (ANA), Setor Policial Sul, Área 5, Quadra 3, Bloco B, CEP 70068-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 445-5400, Contact: Mr. Jerson Kelman, President of the National Water Agency, and Mr. Benedito Braga, Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) AIDS and STD Control III (Ln. 4713-BR): The overall objectives of the project are to (a) reduce the incidence of STDs and HIV; (b) improve the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA); and (c) strengthen the sustainability of the national response by aligning the National AIDS Program with the health sector's recent reforms with regards to the decentralization of management and financing of services and the use of performance-based fund transfers from the federal level to states and municipalities. *Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 80400. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Health of Brazil, SEPN Quadra 511, Bloco C, 2o Andar, CEP 70750-543, Brasília, DF 70750-543, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 448-8000/01-06, Contact: Paulo R. Teixeira, Coordinator, National AIDS & STD Coordination Unit

(R) Bahia Health System Reform (Ln. 7182-BR): (formerly *Bahia Health*) The main objective of the project is to support the health reform process of Bahia, specifically to (a) develop and strengthen the health secretariat's initiatives; (b) increase access to basic health care services; and (c) improve the efficiency and quality of public hospitals and clinic services. The project will be presented as an adaptable lending program. *The loan was signed on 26 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 54119. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariat of Health, Bahia, Ave. Luis Viana Filho - 4a Avenida, Plataforma 6, Lado B, CAB, CEP 41746-900 Salvador, BA, Brazil, Tel: (55-71) 370-4383, Fax: (55-71) 371-2488, Contact: Jose Antonio Rodrigues Alves, State Secretary

Law and Justice

(R) Municipal Pension Reform (Ln. 4673-BR): (formerly under *Public Sector Management*) The project will provide 26 capital cities with capacity building support similar to what was done through the state pension reform LIL. This will include: (a) assistance in upgrading and computerizing cadastres; (b) assistance in diagnosing financial implications and establishing firm actuarial basis in accordance with laws; (c) assistance in understanding and complying with laws; (d) provision of software to allow the municipalities to conduct their own diagnostics; (e) provision of hardware and software (SIPREV) plus actuarial and benefits calculation modules that will link the municipality data base to MPAS allowing for validation and support by MPAS while providing diagnostic/validating/auditing support; and (f) constituency building through workshops in municipalities and MPAS sponsored workshops. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74777. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Social Security and Social Assistance, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco F, 7o Andar, Sala 723, CEP 70059-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 317-5236, Fax: (55-61) 317-5195, Contact: Helmut Schwarzer, Secretary of Social Security

Private Sector Development

Competitiveness Reform Technical Assistance: The project will strengthen the government's institutional capacity to implement the Competitiveness Reform Program. In addition, project studies will help fine-tune the measures to be supported under second and third programmatic loans being considered. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83533. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco P, CEP 70048-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 412-2321, Fax: (55-61) 225-0443, Contact: Mr. Marcos de Barros Lisboa, Secretary of Economic Policy

Programmatic Competitiveness Reform: The objective of the project is to improve the country's competitiveness by supporting the definition and implementation of a competitiveness agenda that includes (a) reducing logistics costs to facilitate export growth, (b) improving the innovation system, (c) increasing competition, (d) improving the investment climate, (e) enhancing labor productivity, (f) strengthening regulation and policy-making in infrastructure and (g) deepening financial intermediation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 80827. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco P, CEP 70048-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 412-2321, Fax: (55-61) 225-0443, Contact: Mr. Marcos de Barros Lisboa, Secretary of Economic Policy

Public Sector Governance

(R) Programmatic Fiscal Reform II (Ln. 7190-BR): The objectives of the project are to (a) institutionalize responsible fiscal policy and risk management and (b) initiate reform actions to reduce the tax system's distortionary effects on the national economy. *The loan was signed on 11 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 70641. US\$ 404.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministério da Fazenda, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco P, CEP 70048-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 412-2227, Fax: (55-61) 412-1722, Contact: Otaviano Canuto, Secretary, Secretariat of International Affairs, SAIN; Ministério do Planejamento, Orçamento e Gestão, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco K, CEP 70040-906, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 225-7185, Fax: (55-61) 225-4022, Contact: Dante Coelho de Lima, Secretary, Secretariat of International Affairs, SAIN

Rural Development

(R) Rural Poverty Reduction-Alagoas: The project would help the state government of Alagoas to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences by: (a) providing basic social and economic infrastructure, and employment and income-generating opportunities for the rural poor; (b) decentralizing resource allocation and decision-making to local levels by supporting community-based municipal councils and beneficiary associations in investment planning and implementation; (c) leveraging resources mobilized at the community and municipal

levels; and (d) deepening the creation of social capital. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for *late October 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74083. US\$ 12.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the State Project Implementation Unit. State Secretariat of Agriculture, Supply and Fisheries, Rua Cincinato Pinto, 348, 20 Andar Centro, CEP 57020-050 Maceió, AL, Brazil, Tel: (55-82) 315-1377, Fax: (55-82) 315-1373, Contact: Dr. Jose Klinger, Director Presidente

(R) Rural Poverty Reduction-Minas Gerais: The project will help the state government of Minas Gerais to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences by: (a) providing basic social and economic infrastructure, and employment and income-generating opportunities for the rural poor; (b) decentralizing resource allocation and decision-making to local levels by supporting community-based municipal councils and beneficiary associations in investment planning and implementation; (c) leveraging resources mobilized at the community and municipal levels; and (d) deepening the creation of social capital. *Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for October 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 52256. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the State Project Implementation Unit. State Secretariat of Planning and Coordination, R. Bernardo Guimaraes, 2.731, 40 Andar, CEP 30.140-082 Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-31) 3290-4859, Fax: (55-31) 3290-4759, Contact: Dr. Mauro Santos Ferreira, Secretário

(R) Tocantins Sustainable Regional Development: The objectives of the project are to raise living standards and reduce inequalities and regional disparities by improving access to markets, job opportunities, infrastructure and social services for rural communities in Tocantins' poorest regions, while ensuring sustainable use of natural resources and the protection of fragile ecosystems. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for *23 September 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 60573. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Planning and Environment Secretariat, Esplanada das Secretarias, Pça dos Girassóis, CEP 77003-020 Palmas, TO, Brazil, Tel: (55-63) 218-1150, Fax: (55-63) 218-1690, Contact: Dr. Ricardo Dias, Director for Ecologico-Economic Zoning

Integrated Development—Maranhão: The project will help the state of Maranhão reduce high levels of rural poverty by: (a) improving well-being and incomes of the rural poor through better access to basic social and economic infrastructure and services and support for productive activities, using proven community-driven development techniques; (b) increasing the social capital of rural communities to organize collectively to meet their own needs; (c) enhancing local governance by greater citizen participation and transparency in decision making, through the creation and strengthening of community associations and municipal councils; and (d) fostering closer integration of local development policies, programs and projects by assisting municipal councils to extend their role in seeking funding, priority setting and decision making over resource allocation and by assisting the government to measure the efficiency and impact of its programs to reduce rural poverty. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 80830. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the state project implementation unit. GEPLAN/NEPE, Rua do Giz, 249 — Centro, 65010-680 - São Luis, MA, Brazil, Tel: (55-98) 232-3699, Fax: (55-98) 232-1567, Contact: Dr. Antonio Gualhardo Alvarez Prazeres

Rural Poverty Reduction - Tocantins: The project will help the state government of Tocantins to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences by: (a) providing basic social and economic infrastructure, employment and income-generating opportunities for the rural poor; (b) decentralizing resource allocation and decision-making to local levels by supporting community-based municipal councils and beneficiary associations in investment planning and implementation;

and (c) leveraging resources mobilized at the community and municipal levels. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for early 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74737. US\$ 36.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the State Project Implementation Unit. State Secretariat of Planning and the Environment, AANO-Esplanada das Secretarias, Centro, CEP 77085-050, Palmas, TO, Brazil, Tel: (55-63) 218-1151, Fax: (55-63) 218-1158, Contact: Livio William Reis de Carvalho, Secretário

Transportation

State Highway Management III: The project will help finance (a) the rehabilitation and maintenance of Minas Gerais' state road network; (b) the upgrading and paving of gravel roads; and (c) the strengthening of the state's road sector management. Project processing is on hold. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 6523. US\$ 165.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Departamento de Estradas de Rodagem do Estado de Minas Gerais, Av. dos Andradas, 1.120, Sala 215, Prédio A, CEP 30120-010 Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-31) 224-8497, 235-1278/1025, E-mail: der@mg.gov.br, Contact: Julio César Diniz Oliveira, Project Coordinator

Urban Development

(R) Sustainable Communities - Amapá: The objective of the project is to alleviate rural and urban poverty while protecting the environment through urban community development, provision of micro-credit, rural productive and community sub-projects, and capacity building. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for *late October 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76924. US\$ 16.4 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Agência de Desenvolvimento do Amapá (Amapa Development Agency), Av. Procópio Rola No. 277, Centro, CEP 68906-130, Macapá, AP, Brazil, Tel: (55-96) 212-1195, Fax: (55-96) 212-1196, E-mail: adapdpj@hotmail.com, Contact: Edmar Ney Lourinho Magno, President

Curitiba Urban Transport: The objective of the project is to enhance the quality of life in the Curitiba Metropolitan Region by improving substantially accessibility of the population to employment, education, health and recreation facilities and by continuing to provide easy access to government services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82117. US\$ 174.8 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Prefeitura de Curitiba, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano de Curitiba, Rua do Bom Jesus, 669, CEP 80035-010, Curitiba, PR, Brazil, Tel: (55-41) 352-1414, Fax: (55-41) 252-6679, E-mail: luiz@ippuc.curitiba.pr.gov.br, Contact: Luiz Hayakawa, Project Coordinator

Water and Sanitation

(R) CAIXA Water Sector Modernization (Ln. 4292-1-BR): The project resulted from the restructuring of the Second Water Sector Modernization Project (Loan 4292-BR), following a request from the government after Congressional approval of the Fiscal Responsibility Law. The federal government remains the borrower of the technical assistance component, but the other two implementing agencies (CAIXA and BNDES) were upgraded to borrowers. The project will support water and sanitation investments in poor states and municipalities in the North, Northeast and Center-West regions. *Loan signing has been delayed following request by CAIXA to introduce a number of small changes in the negotiated Loan Agreement and is now expected by mid-November 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 78310. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. SUSIN - Superintendência de Saneamento e Infra-Estrutura, Caixa Econômica Federal, SBS, Quadra 4, Lotes 3 e 4 Matriz, 2o Andar, CEP 70092-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 414-9818/9028, Fax: (55-61) 414-9646, E-mail: rogerio.tavares@caixa.gov.br, Contact: Rogério Tavares, Manager

BNDES Water Sector Modernization: The project resulted from the restructuring of the Second Water Sector Modernization Project (Loan 4292-BR), following a request from the government after Congressional approval of the Fiscal Responsibility Law. The federal government remains the borrower of the technical assistance com-

ponent, but the other two implementing agencies (CAIXA and BNDES) were upgraded to borrowers. The project will support private water and sanitation investments in poor states and municipalities located in the North, Northeast and Center-West regions. Board presentation is not yet scheduled. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 78312. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. BNDES, Av. República do Chile, 100, 8o Andar, CEP 20139-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, Tel: (55-21) 2277-6823/7249/7539/7897, Fax: (55-21) 2240-5719, 2220-1342, E-mail: regin@bndes.gov.br, tmoreira@bndes.gov.br, Contacts: Terezinha Moreira, Superintendent of Rural Development and Environment, and Marcio Henrique de Castro, Director of Infrastructure

Small Municipalities Integrated Water Supply and Sanitation:

The project will promote the sustainable rehabilitation and construction of integrated sanitation infrastructure (water supply, sanitation, micro-drainage and solid waste management) in municipalities with populations of less than 20,000 which are included within the semi-arid northeastern region of the country. Negotiations are not yet scheduled. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 60555. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services include participatory planning, design, capacity building and works supervision for integrated sanitation interventions. Ministério das Cidades, Secretaria Nacional de Saneamento Ambiental, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco A, 3o Andar, Sala 318, CEP 70054-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 411-4653, Fax: (55-61) 322-2024, Contact: Heitor Collett, Project Coordinator

Chile

Social Protection

Social Protection Sector Adjustment: The project will support the government's efforts to: (a) improve access of the poorest households to the social protection system and (b) increase the effectiveness of this system in alleviating extreme poverty. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will not be required for project preparation. Ministry of Finance, Teafinos 120, Piso 12, Santiago de Chile, Chile, Tel: (562) 671-0706, Fax: (562) 688-7440, Contact: Mr. Jaime Crispi, Director of Studies, Office of Budget; Ministry of Planning, Ahumada 48, Santiago de Chile, Chile, Tel: (562) 675-1727, Fax: (562) 672-1731, Contact: Mr. Claudio Santibanez Servat, Director, Social Division, or Mr. Negrin Modinger, Counselor to the Minister

Social Protection Technical Assistance: The project will support the Government's efforts to: (a) improve access of the poorest households to the social protection system; and (b) increase the effectiveness of this system in alleviating extreme poverty. The specific purpose of the loan would be to support the institutional and skills requirements of the proposed reforms in social protection, as well as to improve monitoring and evaluation of social programs, through greater use of participatory methods. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will not be required for project preparation. Ministry of Finance, Teafinos 120, Piso 12, Santiago de Chile, Chile, Tel: (562) 671-0706, Fax: (562) 688-7440, Contact: Mr. Jaime Crispi, Director of Studies, Office of Budget; Ministry of Planning, Ahumada 43, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (562) 675-1727, Fax: (562) 672-1731, Contact: Mr. Claudio Santibanez Servat, Director of Social Division, Mr. Negrin Modinger, Counselor to the Minister

Colombia

Education

(R) Cundinamarca Education Quality Improvement (Ln. 7192-CO): The objective of the project is to improve the quality, relevance and efficiency of the education system. Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77757. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). *Consulting services will be required.* Secretary of Education of Cundinamarca, Calle 26, No 47-73, 4to Piso, Cundinamarca, Colombia, Tel: (571) 426-0309, Fax: (571) 426-1616, E-mail: pcaballerop@cundinamarca.gov.co, Contacts:

Ms. Piedad Caballero, Secretaria, Dr. William Alejo, Coordinador de Proyecto

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Conservation of Biodiversity in Sierra Nevada: The project will support the conservation of globally significant biodiversity within the framework of the sustainable development plan for the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57093. US\$ 9.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Fundación Pro-Sierra Nevada de Sta Marta, Calle 74, No 2-86, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 310-0571, Contact: Gonzalo Uribe, Executive Director

Public Sector Governance

(N) Programmatic Fiscal and Institutional Adjustment II: The objectives of the project are (a) to promote reforms addressing fiscal rigidities necessary to attain the substantial fiscal adjustment underlying sustainable macro-economic stability, and (b) to improve the provision of public services and establish the institutional basis for higher efficiency and accountability in public expenditure. Appraisal mission was scheduled for late September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 83905. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Carrera 8 No. 6-64, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 297-1310, 286-1400, Contact: Juan Ricardo Ortega, Vice-Minister

Social Protection

(R) Programmatic Labor Reform and Social Sector Adjustment (Ln. 7193-CO): (formerly under Finance) The objectives of the project are to increase employment, raise human capital formation, and strengthen social protection. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 September 2003. The loan was signed on 11 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 77060. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). *Consulting services no longer required.* Ministry of Finance, Carrera 7A, No. 6-45, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 599-0300/9529, E-mail: lpinzon@dnf.gov.co, Contact: Leonardo Pinzon, Departamento Nacional de Planeación

Costa Rica

Education

(R) Education: The objective of the project is to put in place a medium-term education development framework with clear benchmarks to increase the level and quality of education, especially for rural, indigenous and transition rural-urban marginal communities. This project initially invests in the quality of basic and secondary education in rural and underserved areas, while it supports changes in a longer-term education development plan that utilizes existing resources cost-effectively. *Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for 1 December 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 57857. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants may be required for implementation. Ministry of Public Education, Edif. Antigua Embajada Americana, Ministerio de Educación Pública, 3er Piso - PROMECE, call 1era, Ave. 1 y 3, Apartado 10433-1000, San Jose, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 222-0029, Fax: (506) 222-6501, E-mail: cbarrantes@mep.go.cr, Contact: Carlos Barrantes, Project Coordinator

Dominica

Law and Justice

(R) Structural Adjustment: (formerly under *Structural Adjustment*) The objective of the proposed ERSO is to support Dominica's efforts at economic recovery through improvements in fiscal management, the environment for private investment and public sector service delivery. Key reform areas to be supported are public expenditure management, financial sector reform and public sector reform. *Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for early October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78841. US\$ 2.0/2.6 (IBRD/IDA). *Most consultants have been contracted.* Ministry of Finance and Planning, Financial Complex, Roseau, Dominica, Tel: (767) 448-2401,

Fax: (767) 448-0054, Contact: Swinburne Lestrade, Director General Finance

Dominican Republic

Energy and Mining

(R) Power Sector Program: (formerly under Power) This fast disbursing, single tranche adjustment loan is the first in a proposed program of Bank support of second-generation reforms in the power sector. Provided that there are demonstrable improvements in sector performance indicators, subsequent fast disbursing loans would be proposed. An investment loan to strengthen the transmission grid is also under consideration. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for November 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82712. US\$ 90.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Comisión Nacional de Energía, Gustavo Mejía Ricart Esq. Agustín Lara, Edif. de la CREP, 3er Piso, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana, Tel: (809) 547-3044, Fax: (809) 547-2073, E-mail: orppgr@codetel.net.do, Contact: Ing. George Reinoso, Executive Director

(R) Power Sector Technical Assistance: (formerly under Power) The long-term objectives of the assistance package are to support the government in realizing its original vision and completing the second-generation reforms in the electricity sector. Specifically, these objectives are to: a) increase the percentage of population with access to electricity; b) improve the quality of service, especially by ending the persistent black-outs of recent years; and c) ensure the financial sustainability of the key operating entities in the sector. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for November 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82715. US\$ 8.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Comisión Nacional de Energía, Gustavo Mejía Ricart Esq. Agustín Lara, Edif. de la CREP, 3er Piso, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana, Tel: (809) 547-3044, Fax: (809) 547-2073, E-mail: orppgr@codetel.net.do, Contact: Ing. George Reinoso, Executive Director

Ecuador

Economic Management

(R) Fiscal Consolidation and Competitive Growth Adjustment (Ln. 7174-EC): (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The objectives of the project is to: a) improve tax policy and administration; b) correct expansionary spending and improve budget transparency; c) regain control of the public payroll; d) increase public expenditures in pro-poor priorities; e) rationalize and make more transparent decentralized public spending; f) clear arrears and improve public debt management; and g) support structural change aimed at developing trade reform and promoting competitive pricing and regulatory policies. *The loan was signed on 27 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82739. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will not be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ave. Amazonas y Atahualpa, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 268-598/553, Fax: (593-22) 268-623, Contact: Eco. Mauricio Pozo, Minister

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) First Programmatic Human Development Reform (Ln. 7173-EC): (formerly under Social Sector) The objectives of the project are to: a) protect public spending in the social sectors in general and in specific priority social programs; b) improve the efficiency and efficacy of basic social services, improving access and coverage and achieving better targeting towards the poor and c) increase transparency, improve governance, and accountability in the social sectors. *The loan was signed 27 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82395. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will not be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ave. Amazonas y Atahualpa, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 268-598/553, Fax: (593-22) 268-623, Contact: Eco. Mauricio Pozo, Minister

Public Sector Governance

(R) Border Development: (formerly Social Sector) The project will assist the government in the peace process with Peru by sup-

porting activities which would help strengthen and increase the economic development and integration in the border area. Activities are likely to be geared toward providing basic infrastructure needed to support other economic activities. Project is being identified. Project preparation will depend upon progress attained in the peace process. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation. Implementing agency is to be determined.

(R) Public Sector Financial Management (Ln. 7110-EC): The project will finance consolidation of the newly developed integrated financial management system as the public sector's application for budget control, treasury ledger accounting and cash management, extend its use throughout the public sector and convert to an optimum date processing distribution. *The loan was signed on 27 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74218. US\$ 13.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of telecommunications, Web technology and government accounting. The government has requested retroactive financing amounting to US\$1.0 to finance certain expenditures required for preparation. Ministry of Economy and Finance, SIGEF, Juan Leon Mera No. 130 y Patria, Edif. CNF, 2do Piso, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 906-893, Fax: (593-22) 906-598, Contact: Edison Proaño, Project Coordinator

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

Second Indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian Peoples Development:

The project will build on the lessons learned in the first project by: (a) deepening its involvement in the most successful areas (community investments, land titling, scholarships and institutional strengthening); (b) expanding into related areas (natural resources management); (c) mainstreaming attention to indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian issues in selected national sectors and local governments; and (d) tackling key issues of ethno development (community tourism, cultural assets, ethno biological production and handicrafts) in new ways. *Appraisal mission is scheduled for November 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77257. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Consejo de Desarrollo de las Nacionalidades y Pueblos del Ecuador (CODENPE), Bosmediano El 150 y Carlos Guerrero, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 464-900, Fax: (593-22) 922-453, E-mail: proyecto@prodepine.org, Contact: Marcelino Chumpi, Executive Secretary

Transportation

(R) Rural Roads and Development: The project will finance (a) technical assistance for institutional strengthening, regulatory reform and increased private sector participation, and (b) a rural roads rehabilitation and maintenance program. *The environmental and social analyses for the first-year road subproject candidates for Imbabura and El Oro have been completed substantially. A workshop has been held, and the preparation of the sectoral environmental and social analyses for the road improvement program as a whole is well under way. Overall preparation of the project is on target for appraisal shortly.* IDB cofinancing of US\$ 40.0 has been confirmed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 7077. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministerio de Obras Públicas (MOP)/Unidad de Caminos Vecinales, Juan Leon Mera y Orellana esquina, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 559-120/6268, 556-990, Fax: (593-22) 904-323, Email: c_vecinales@andinanet.net, Contact: Arq. Fabian Lupero, Director Ejecutivo

El Salvador

Public Sector Governance

(R) Judicial Modernization (Ln. 7135-ES): The project will (i) strengthen the institutional capacity of the Judicial Branch; (ii) modernize the operation of courts; (iii) improve access, transparency and judicial control; and (iv) develop the professional competence and quality of officers and employees of the Judicial Branch. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for late September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 64919. US\$ 18.2 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for project implementation. Supreme Court, Centro de Gobierno, San Salvador, El Salvador, Tel: (503) 271-

8798, Contact: Dr. Augustin Garcia Calderon, President; National Judicial Council, Final Calle los Abetos No. 8, Colonia San Francisco, San Salvador, El Salvador, Tel: (503) 245-4499, Fax: (503) 245-4489, Contact: Dra. Gladys Marina Chavez, President

Grenada

Education

OECS Education Development (2nd APL) (Ln. 7187-GRD/Cr. 3809-GRD): The objective of the project is to build human capital in the OECS which, in turn, will contribute to the diversification of their economy and more sustainable growth. The project was approved—following APL procedures—on 27 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77759. US\$ 4.0/4.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Young St., St. George's, Grenada, Tel: (473) 440-2737, Fax: (868) 627-5882, E-mail: psmined@yahoo.co, Contact: Crispin Frederick, Permanent Secretary

Guatemala

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Western Altiplano Natural Resources Management (Ln. 7175-GU): (*formerly under Agriculture*) The objective of the project is to improve the management and conservation of natural resources, biodiversity and the incomes of the people who depend upon these resources, in the Western Altiplano. Specifically, the project will: (a) provide support to communities, organizations and local authorities (traditional and municipal) to jointly define and implement a local development vision; (b) increase opportunities to sustainably improve productivity and diversify farming and other (off-farm) livelihood systems; (c) extend and strengthen ongoing efforts of indigenous communities to establish permanent conservation areas; and (d) establish and pilot a framework for environmental services markets to sustain local incentives for conservation. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 May 2003. Loan and grant signing was tentatively scheduled for late September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 64883, 68292. US\$ 32.8/8.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services will be required for implementation. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food, 7a Ave. 12-90, Zona 13, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 362-4764, Fax: (502) 332-8302, E-mail: mgadisf@intelnet.net.gt, Contact: Edin Barrientos, Minister

Transportation

Second Rural and Main Roads (Ln. 7169-GU): The project will continue the work started under Loan 4260-GU to improve road transport access in the poorer areas of the country to stimulate economic activity, improve commercialization of non-traditional agricultural products and provide greater access to social services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 May 2003. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for December 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 55085. US\$ 46.7 (IBRD). Consulting services may be required for implementation. Instituto de Fomento Municipal, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Fax: (502) 334-6709, Contact: Alberto Alfaro, Manager

Guyana

Environment and Natural Resources Management

National Protected Area Systems: The project will analyze and apply biological, socio-economic and land-use data to provide a sound basis for designing and implementing a national protected areas system (NPAS). Discussions are under way with the government on redesign of the project to adopt a long-term programmatic approach. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Most consultants have been contracted. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), University Campus, Turkeyen, Guyana, Tel: (592) 222-6703, Fax: (592) 222-2442, E-mail: pryia_19@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Balgobin Parsaud, Acting Executive Director

Honduras

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Technical Assistance (Ln. 3800-HO): The project will support development of the institutional capacity needed to address the systemic vulnerabilities of the financial system. The objective of the project is capacity-building for dealing with the current weaknesses of the banking system and initiating restoration of its soundness. The project would achieve this objective by providing technical assistance for: (a) banking sector consolidation, (b) reform of the payment system, and (c) improvement of financial system infrastructure. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for late September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 40177. US\$ 9.9 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Retroactive financing is expected. Comisión Nacional de Bancos y Seguros (CNBS), AP No. 20074, Comayagua, MDC Honduras, Tel: (504) 238-0580, Fax: (504) 237-6232, Contact: Dra. Ana Cristina de Pereira, President

Private Sector Development

(R) Trade Facilitation and Productivity Enhancement: The project aims at increasing the productivity of the Honduran private sector, thereby improving the country's competitiveness and economic growth, which will in turn increase employment and reduce the poverty level. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was tentatively scheduled for 14 October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70038. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants may be required for implementation. Presidency, Blvd. Juan Pablo II, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 235-6636, Contact: Vicente Williams Agasse, Designado Presidencial; Fundacion para la Inversión y Desarrollo de las Exportaciones (FIDE), AP 2029, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 235-3471, Contact: Wilma Sierra de Fonseca, Director

Rural Development

Land and Regularization and Administration: The project aims at establishing an integrated and decentralized land administration system (using area-based systematic title regularization, surveying and registration) that accurately generates, registers, and links information on private and public land parcels (both urban and rural) in a timely, cost-effective, and widely accessible manner. The system would provide the basis for increasing land tenure security, facilitating land market transactions, developing national and municipal territorial plans and projects, and developing natural resources management plans for protected areas and indigenous peoples lands. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 55991 US\$ 34.3 (IDA). Consultants may be required. Various Entities through existing PAAR Coordination Unit, 2da Planta, Edif., Educredito, Col. Florencia Norte, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 239-9848, Fax: (504) 239-7817, E-mail: hmerriam@projectopaar.org, Contact: Henry Merriam, Coordinador Nacional

Mexico

Energy and Mining

(R) Hybrid Solar Thermal Power Plant: (*formerly under Infrastructure*) The objectives of the project are to (a) increase the contribution of renewable energy sources in Mexico's future energy mix, particularly in power generation, and (b) enhance participation of the private sector in Mexico's power development plan in general and in innovative approaches to power production in particular. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for early October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66426. US\$ 51.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Comisión Federal de Electricidad, Melchor Ocampo No 469, 2do Piso, Col. Nueva Azules, 11590 México, D.F., Tel: (52-55) 254-6981/6977, Contacts: Lic. Gerardo Hiraia, Gerente de Proyectos Geotérmicos

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Air Quality Management and Sustainable Transport: The project development objective is to contribute to reductions in the pollution and greenhouse gas load into the air shed of the MCMA generated by the transport sector, at the metropolitan level, while

improving the safety and efficiency of urban transport management. This will be sought through activities that will promote a shift towards low-polluting modes of transportation (metro and large buses) via the development of surface mass transport corridors and traffic management measures that integrate with the existing metro infrastructure. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 43165. US\$ 288.6 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaría de Comunicaciones, Medio ambiente, Paseo Vicente Guerrero No 486, Col. Morelos, Toluca, Estado de Mexico, Tel: (52-722) 215-9752, Fax: (52-722) 213-3980, Contact: Guillermo Cano, Secretario; Secretaria de Medio Ambiente DF, Plaza de la Constitución, No 1, 3er Piso, Col. Centro, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5510-3663/5542-0983, Fax: (52-55) 5521-2688, Contact: Claudia Sheinbaum, Secretaria

Finance

(R) Rural Finance Development Structural Adjustment (Ln. 7180-ME): The objective of the project is to confine the country's program to reform development banks, liquidate Banrural, the development bank that generates the largest fiscal losses, and create a new Rural Finance Agency under conditions designed to ensure that the new agency fully complies with principles of transparency, accountability and efficiency. *Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for late September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 74655. US\$ 505.1 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired. Financiera Rural, Agrarismo No. 227, 7mo Piso, Col. Escandón, Mexico DF, Tel: (52-55) 230-1602, Contact: Lic. José Antonio Meade, Director General

Health, Nutrition and Population

ISSSTE Programmatic Sector Adjustment: This programmatic Sector Adjustment Loan will support the government of Mexico in: (a) improving the fiscal efficiency of social security benefits, especially pensions and health services, for public employees in Mexico; and (b) enhancing the governance of public social security through corporate restructuring of ISSSTE (Public Sector Social Security) and the establishment of regulatory framework for private sector participation in benefit provision. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Mexico Public Sector Social Security (ISSSTE), Ave. de la República No 154, Piso 12, Col. Tabacalera, 06030 México, D.F., Tel: (52-55) 566-6888, Contact: Lic. Benjamín González Roaro, Director General

Technical Assistance for Public Sector Social Security Reform: The objective of this technical assistance loan is to (a) improve the fiscal efficiency of social security benefits, especially pensions and health services, for public employees in Mexico and (b) enhance the governance of public social security through corporate restructuring of ISSSTE and the establishment of regulatory framework for private sector participation in benefit provision. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74795. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Mexico Public Sector Social Security (ISSSTE), Ave. de la República No. 154, Piso 12, Col. Tabacalera, 06030 México, D.F., Tel: (52-55) 566-6888, Contact: Lic. Benjamin Gonzalez Roaro, Director General

Private Sector Development

(R) E-Business for Small Business Development (Ln. 7188-ME): The objective of the project is to introduce in Mexico City and other urban areas program innovations designed to (a) increase access of low-income microbusinesses to financial and business development services and (b) bring about regulatory and institutional reforms needed to accelerate microbusiness development. *Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for late September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 682090. US\$ 58.4 (IBRD). Consultants are being utilized for project preparation. National Financiera, Insurgentes Sur 1971, México, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 325-6000, Fax: (52-55) 325-7097, Contact: Mariano Gamboa, Experto Funcionario de la Sub-direccion de Asistencia Tecnica

Public Sector Governance

(R) Chiapas Fiscal and Institutional Structural Reform: (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The project aims at improving the quality, quantity and targeting of public services, toward the ultimate objective of reducing poverty through economic growth. The program will include strong attention to problems with governance that have subverted public sector activities in the past, and will address the problems in the specific sectors that are most relevant for poverty reduction and growth. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: MXPE74751. US\$ 300.00 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. BONABRAS, Tecoyotitla No 100, 3er Piso, Col. Florida, 01030, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-5) 5723-6268, Fax: (52-5) 5723-6007/6296, Contact: Ismael Diaz, Gerente de Organismos Financieros Internacionales

(R) Judicial Modernization for Access to Justice: The project will aim to improve the institutional performance of the state courts by "learning while doing." Specifically, the project would: strengthen institutional capabilities, organizational culture and knowledge; strengthen efficiency and efficacy of the judicial system; improve judicial transparency; strengthen access to justice; and support monitoring and evaluation, communication and learning. *Project appraisal is scheduled for early November 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74755. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Various state institutions to be determined.

Rural Development

(R) Community Forestry II: The objective of the project is to assist indigenous communities and ejidos in selected Mexican States to increase their income, strengthen community/ejido ties, to better manage their forest resources. The project would achieve this primarily by making private-sector technical assistance available to communities that own economically valuable forest lands to help them manage their forest resources in an ecologically and financially sustainable fashion. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for 14 October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 35751. US\$ 35.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Comisión Nacional Forestal (CONAFOR), Ave. Progreso No 5, Col. Coyocan 04100, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5484-3571, Fax: (52-55) 5484-3569, E-mail: gsegura@conafor.gob.mx, Contact: Gerardo Segura, General Coordinator

(R) Irrigation and Drainage Modernization: (formerly under Agriculture) The main objective of the project is to adopt a new model to improve the competitiveness of irrigated agriculture, in both Irrigation Districts (Distritos de Riego, DR) and Irrigation Units (Unidades de Riego, UR), that would include the development of partnerships between the public and private sectors as well as effective institutional collaboration within the public sector, plus the strengthening of a demand-driven approach to investment decisions and financing. *Project appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for early October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 35752. US\$ 560.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Comisión Nacional del Agua (CNA), Insurgentes Sur 2140, Col. Ermita San Agel, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 9159-2414, E-mail: jorge.lorda@cna.gob.mx, Contact: Jorge Antonio Lorda, Subgerente Infraestructura Hidroagrícola

Urban Development

(R) Decentralized Infrastructure Development Program: The objective of the project is to support infrastructure development at state and municipal levels anchored to comprehensive sector or sub-sector strategies fully owned by the respective state or local authorities. *Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for November 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 80149. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. BANOBRAS, Monterrey 206, Col. Roma, México, DF, Mexico, Jaime Barros No. 515, Col. La Fe Lomas de Sta. Fe, 01219 México, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 564-1138, 270-1200, Contact: Lic. Alejandro Peralta Moreno, Manager, International Relations

(R) National Urban Upgrading: (formerly under Infrastructure) At the request of the federal government, this project has been expanded to a programmatic adjustment loan covering reforms in the housing and urban sectors with the aim of increasing access of the poor to shelter. The program includes housing and urban policy, neighborhood upgrading, land markets, housing finance and subsidies. Appraisal has been postponed and a new date not yet set. Environmental Assessment Category Y. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Hacienda y Credito Publico (SHCP), Palacio Nacional, 2do Patio Mariano, 4to Piso, Colonia Centro 0600, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 9158-1444/1445, Fax: (52-55) 9158-1490, E-mail: ricochoa@shcp.gob.mx, Contact: Ricardo Ochoa, Director General Adjunto

Nicaragua

Finance

Broad-Based Access to Financial Services: The objective of the project is to improve access to financial services provided by sound, profitable microfinance institutions to broad segments of the population, including low income households and small and micro-firms. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for late October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 7.5 (IDA). Consultants may be required for project implementation. Central Bank, KM, 7 Carretera Sur., Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 265-0500, Fax: (505) 265-0561, Contact: Mr. Mario Alonso, President

Public Sector Governance

Public Sector Technical Assistance: The project will deepen the modernization of the country's public sector by improving the government's public administration, financial management, economic planning, policy formulation, and execution and civil service capacity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78891. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Coordinating Unit for Reform of the Public Sector, Edif. de la Vicepresidencia, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 222-2521, Fax: (505) 222-2490, Contact: Maria J. Jarquin, Director

Panama

Rural Development

Panama Canal Watershed: The project aims at enhancing local capacity to manage the Panama Canal Watershed (PCW) and provide improved opportunities for sustainable and equitable economic growth in the rural areas of the PCW, while conserving important watershed services. The project will promote sustainable land use systems based on the rational use and management of the watershed resources. It will also implement conservation and mitigation measures to prevent deterioration of hydrological resources. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64917. US\$ 13.7 (IBRD). Consultants may be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Apartado 5390, Zona 5, Panama, Republic of Panama, Tel: (507) 232-5648, Fax: (507) 232-5044, E-mail: ministro1@psi.net.pa, Contact: Licenciada Lynnette Maria Stanzola, Minister

Second Rural Poverty and Natural Resources: The project at reducing rural poverty and improving natural resource conservation and management by increasing investment for sustainable development and improving local governance in poor rural areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64918. US\$ 37.5 (IBRD). Consultants may be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Via Espana, Edif. Ogawa, 3er Piso, AP 7304, Zona 5, Panama, Republic of Panama, Tel: (507) 227-3650, Fax: (507) 227-6148, E-mail: ndelgado@mhyt.gob.pa, Contact: Noberto R. Delgado, Minister; Ministry of Agriculture, Apartado 5390, Zona 5, Panama, Republic of Panama, Tel: (507) 232-5648, Fax: (507) 232-5044, E-mail: ministro1@psi.net.pa, Contact: Licenciada Lynnette Maria Stanzola, Minister

Paraguay

Education

(R) Education Reform Program (Ln. 7190-PA): The objectives of the project are to improve management and efficiency of the education system across all levels and enhance educational outcomes and equity in opportunity at the secondary level. *The loan was signed on 10 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73526. US\$ 24.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Ministry of Education, Chile 8449, Asuncion, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 448-214, Contact: Marta Lafuente, Executive Coordinator, PCU

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Adjustment: (formerly under Structural Adjustment) The project is aimed at strengthening the banking regulatory framework including: (a) modernized exit mechanisms for banks and use of market merger and asset/deposit transfer mechanisms facilitated by a deposit insurance fund, and (b) consolidation of the state owned financial institutions into a small rural oriented first tier bank and a second tier development fund. The operation would include the approval of laws which would reform the existing banking law and central bank charter, as well as a new law establishing the creation of more limited state financial institutions and consolidation or closure of the rest. Institutional aspects include establishment of a deposit insurance fund to facilitate bank restructurings and establishment of a special purpose central bank function using private sector support, to securitize balance sheet assets for the purpose of transfer to acquiring financial institutions along with deposit liabilities. This project is on hold. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 39994. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services not required. Ministry of Finance, Vice Minister's Office, Edificio Ybaga, Piso 12, Av. Presidente Franco con Nuestra Sra. de la Asuncion, Asuncion, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 490-391, Fax: (595-21) 441-474, Contact: Lic. Jose Buttner, Vice Ministro de Hacienda.

Peru

Education

Rural Education (Ln. 7176-PE): The project will support policy development in the human resources area and strengthen the Ministry of Education's capacity fully to implement rural and bilingual education programs under a decentralized model. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 55239. US\$ 52.5 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for pilot study designs, evaluation processes, statistics system refurbishment, teacher and administrator training, and policy studies. Ministry of Education, Calle Van de Velde 160, Distrito de San Borja, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 436-0455, Fax: (51-1) 437-6386/1043, E-mail: ntorrejon@minedu.gob.pe, Contact: Nancy Torrejon, Secretaria Adjunta, Secretaria de Planificacion Estrategica

Peru

Private Sector Development

(R) Trade Facilitation and Productivity Improvement (Ln. 7177-PE): The objectives of the project are to: (a) establish a more streamline, integrated and effective institutional and policy framework to increase nontraditional exports; and (b) develop and implement initiatives designed to foster the entry of new export market participants, especially small and medium producers. *The loan was signed on 11 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77788. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Office of the Prime Minister, Ave. 28 de Julio No 878, Miraflores, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 446-4279/9800, Fax: (511) 242-2551, E-mail: molivares@pcm.gob.pe, Contact: Dr. Marta Olivares Larriega, Secretaria de Gestion Multisectoral

Public Sector Governance

(R) Justice Services Modernization: This technical assistance project will set the basis for an effective and sustainable justice sector reform process through a series of activities aimed at strengthening

sector institutions and enhancing access to justice for the poor. *Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 73438. US\$ 6.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for human resource strengthening, organizational performance improvement, enhanced access to justice and overall project management. Office of the General Manager of the Judiciary., Paseo de la República Cuadra 2 s/n, Lima 1, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 426-2940, Fax: (511) 426 5768, Contact: Roberto Keil, General Manager

Social Protection

(N) Programmatic Social Reform III: The objective of the project is to support implementation of the social development strategy and adapt it to the new context of decentralization, seeking to avoid the tendencies to deterioration of social programs that have occurred in other countries during decentralization. Appraisal and negotiations were scheduled for early October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Jr. Junín 319, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 427-7069, Fax: (51-1) 428-1623, E-mail: mcrivera@

mef.gob.pe, Contact: Maria del Carmen Rivera, Jefe Unidad de Coordinación de Préstamos Sectoriales

Transportation

(R) Limabus Transport: The project will finance 28.6 km of segregated high-capacity busways, the first phase of a network serving primarily the low-income population who need an efficient and affordable public transport service. The busways will be built along existing road corridors and thus do not require land acquisition. Major terminals will be built at the northern (Independencia) and southern (Chorrillos) ends of the busway, providing easy transfer with feeder buses serving low-income growth areas at Lima's edge; feeder roads to the terminals will also be improved, with particular focus on the accessibility by feeder buses, pedestrians and bicycles. The busway will also include 35 stations, resulting in an average distance of 753 m between stations. *Negotiations are scheduled for 21 October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 35740. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Metropolitan Lima (MML) - Responsible Agency PROTANSPORTE LIMA, Ave. Aramburu No 166 - 5, Miraflores, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 421-7473, Fax: (511) 421-8512, Contact: Julio Pflucker, Executive Director

Guarantee Operations

In September 1994, the Bank's Executive Directors approved a proposal to make guarantees a mainstream instrument of Bank operations. These guarantees are most likely to be used for infrastructure financing, where the demands for funding are large, political and sovereign risks are significant, and the need for long-maturity financing is often critical to a project's viability.

By covering some of the risks that the market is not able to bear or adequately evaluate, the Bank's guarantee can attract new sources of finance, reduce financing costs, and extend maturities. The guarantee can be especially valuable where activities traditionally undertaken and financed by the government are being shifted to the private sector but where the government remains as a regulator or provider of inputs and a buyer of outputs. The Bank's participation as guarantor can also facilitate the transparency of these transactions. Since the guarantee is intended to be a catalytic instrument, the Bank offers only partial guarantees, and risks are clearly shared between the Bank and private lenders. The Bank's objective is to cover risks that it is well-positioned to bear given its credit, its experience with developing countries, and its special relationships with governments. The risk-sharing may be for specific risks (the partial risk guarantee) or for part of the financing (the partial credit guarantee). A partial risk guarantee covers risks arising from nonperformance of sovereign contractual obligations or from force majeure aspects in a project. A partial credit guarantee typically extends maturities beyond what private creditors could otherwise provide, for example, by guaranteeing late-dated repayments or by providing incentives for lenders to roll over medium-term loans.

For more information on the Bank's guarantee program and to obtain a copy of the pamphlet "The World Bank's Guarantees," (available in English, French and Spanish), please contact the Manager, Project Finance Group. Tel: (202) 473-1650; Fax: (202) 477-0218.

Africa Region

Mozambique

Power

Southern Africa Regional Gas: (Private Sector) The project consists of (a) development of the Pande and Temane gas fields proven reserves in the province of Inhambane, (b) construction of a central processing facility (CPF) at Temane gas field for cleaning, drying and compressing the gas prior to its delivery into the pipeline and (c) construction of an 865-km, 26-inch diameter pipeline between the gas fields and Sasol's petrochemical complex at Secunda in South Africa. The project also includes associated infrastructure such as roads, utilities, workshops, accommodation units and offices. IBRD would provide a political risk guarantee for up to US\$ 30.0 in support of the project in accordance with terms applicable for private sector enclave projects in IDA-only countries. Estimated total project cost: US\$ 750.0. *Approved by the Guarantee Review Committee in July 2003.* Board presentation is scheduled for FY04.

Regional

Public Sector Management

West Africa Capital Markets / BoAD: (Private Sector) IDA would guarantee sovereign risks for private, medium and long-term projects facilitated by the West African Development Bank (BoAD). A line of IDA partial risk guarantee of about US\$ 70.0 is being considered for small and medium infrastructure projects in UEMOA (West African Monetary and Economic Union) countries. The guarantee would be

associated with MIGA guarantees (US\$ 70.0) and an IDA line of credit and linked to a technical assistance loan of US\$ 3.0. Estimated total project cost: US\$ 150.0. Approved by the Guarantee Review Committee in January 2003. Board presentation is scheduled for FY04.

Uganda

Power

Bujagali Hydropower: (Private Sector) The project would construct and operate a 200 MW power plant on a BOOT basis on the River Nile. The project, sponsored by AES, includes about 100 Km of 132 and 220 kV transmission line. An IDA partial risk guarantee of up to US\$ 115.0 and IFC loan of up to \$60.0 were approved on 18 December 2001. Presentation to the MIGA Board for approval of US\$ 200.0 of political risk insurance has been postponed at the request of AES. Estimated total project cost: US\$ 582.0.

East Asia and Pacific Region

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Power

Nam Theum Power: (Private Sector) The project would construct and operate a 1,086 MW hydropower facility primarily to export power to Thailand. A partial risk guarantee is being considered for the project. Estimated total project cost: US\$ 1,280.0. The Concession Agreement was signed in October 2002. The Power purchase agreement is expected to be signed shortly. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for FY04.

Middle East and North Africa Region

Jordan

Water

Disi Water: (Private Sector) The project is for the construction, ownership and operation of a water supply system called the Disi-Mudawara to Amman Water Conveyance System. The project is a centerpiece of the country's strategy in the water sector and will transform its current dependence on water from the Jordan Valley and points north. IBRD would provide a partial risk guarantee up to \$US 100.0 to protect commercial lenders against sovereign risks. Estimated total project cost: US\$ 700.0. Board presentation is expected in FY04.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

AUSAID	Australian Agency for International Development	IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
ADB	Asian Development Bank	JBIC	Japan Bank for International Cooperation
ADF	African Development Fund	ITF	Interim Trust Fund
AfDB	African Development Bank	KfW	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Germany)
APL	Adaptable Program Loan	LIL	Learning and Innovation Loan
BADEA	Banque arabe de développement économique en Afrique	NCB	National competitive bidding
BOAD	Banque ouest africaine de développement	NGO	Nongovernmental organization
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank	NORAD	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
CFD	Caisse française de développement	OECF	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (Japan)
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency	OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency	PAD	Project Appraisal Document
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)	PCD	Project Concept Document
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	PCF	Prototype Carbon Fund
EDF	European Development Fund	PCN	Project Concept Note
EIB	European Investment Bank	PHRD	Policy and Human Resources Development (Japan)
EU	European Union	PID	Project Identification (Number)
FAC	Fonds d'aide et de coopération (France)	PPF	Project Preparation Facility
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations	QCBS	Quality and Cost-Based Selection
FAO/CP	FAO Cooperative Program (with the World Bank)	SDC	Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
FINNIDA	Finland International Development Agency	SIDA	Swedish International Development Authority
GEF	Global Environment Facility	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
IAPSO	Inter-Agency Procurement Service Office	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
ICB	International competitive bidding	WHO	World Health Organization
IDA	International Development Association		
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank		
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development		

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