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**MONTHLY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY OF BANK AND IDA PROPOSED PROJECTS
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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

Projects introduced in this and future issues of the MOS will be listed under a new set of sector terms, which match more closely World Bank and UN sector and theme definitions. Most categories are similar to the ones used in the past, but there are some differences and omissions. For example, Agriculture will no longer be a separate category. Agriculture project will typically be listed under Rural Development. The category Structural Adjustment (includes imports) will no longer be used as it is a type of loan, credit or grant rather than an economic sector or development theme. Structural adjustment projects will be shown under one of the sectors or themes listed below. Reconstruction/Rehabilitation and Infrastructure will no longer be listed as categories. Projects with those purposes will appear under an appropriate new category. Projects continuing from previous issues will be listed under the older definitions in this and one more issue and then will be moved to the appropriate new one. The new sector definitions are:

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

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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:

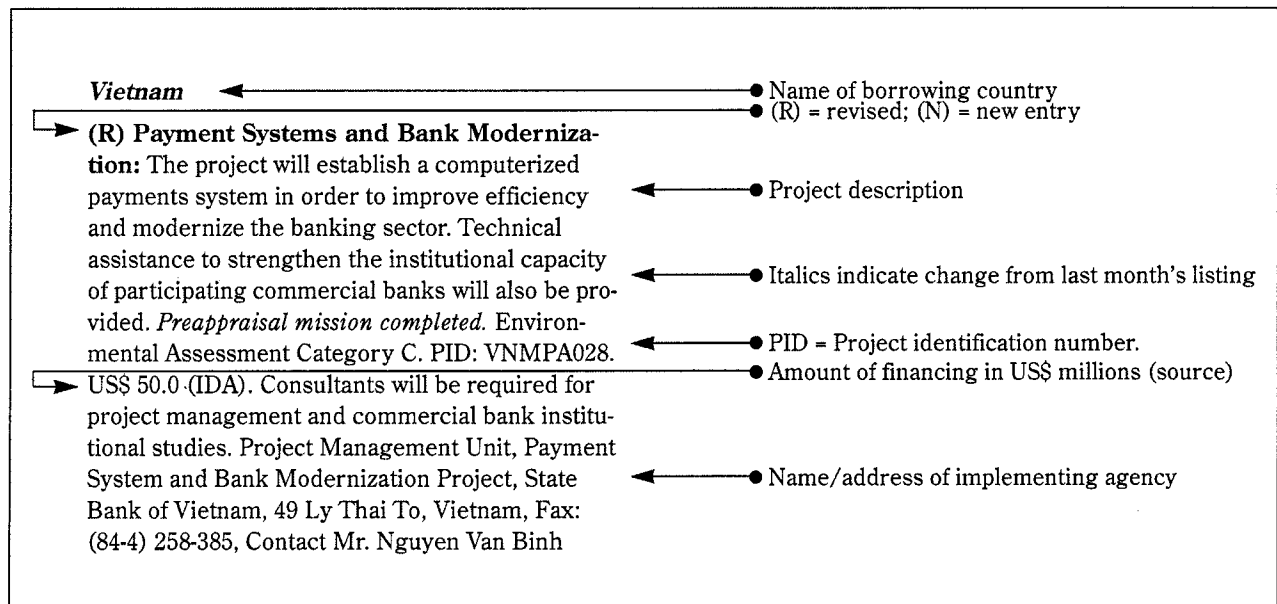
Category A: Environmental assessment is normally required, as the project may have adverse and significant environmental impacts.

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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Africa

Angola

Public Sector Management

Economic Management Technical Assistance (Cr. 3744-ANG):

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: AOPE72205. 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

Emergency Demobilization and Reintegration (H027-ANG):

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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 March 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: AOPE78288. 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

Structural Adjustment

Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to support the borrower's poverty reduction strategy through the budget process. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. 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

Economic Management

(N) Poverty Reduction Support III: The objective of the project is to continue supporting implementation of the poverty reduction strategy outlined in the poverty reduction strategy paper (PRSP). The 2000-03 government program focuses on accelerating equitable growth, improving social service delivery, increasing employment and income generating activities for the poor, and promoting good governance. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 July 2003. The grant was signed on 16 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76908. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Budget, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Contact: M. Francois Zoundi, Secrétaire Permanent du Secrétariat Permanent pour le Suivi des Programmes et Politiques Financiers (SP-PPF)

Environment

(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 mission is scheduled for September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: BFGE70871. 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

Power

Energy Sector Development and Reform: 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. Negotiations are scheduled for February 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: BFPE69126. US\$ 62.9 (IDA). 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

Cameroon

Rural Development

(R) 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: CMPE73629. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning, MINPAT, Yaounde, Cameroun, Tel: (237) 221-088, E-mail: mm_nga@yahoo.fr, Contact: Marie-Madeleine Nga; Ministry of Agriculture, MINAGRI, Yaounde, Cameroun, Tel: (237) 223-441, E-mail: c_ananga@yahoo.com, Contact: Clementine Ananga

Chad

Agriculture

(R) Agricultural Services and Producer Organizations: 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 are scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: TDPE74266. US\$ 18.7 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministries of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment and Water, NDjamaena, Tchad, Tel: (235) 523-763, 527-215, Fax: (235) 515-119, Contacts: Mr. M. Hassanty Oumar Chaib, General Manager, Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Ourde Aboubakar, National Project Coordinator; private service providers

Education/Training

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: TDPE000527. US\$ 19.1/23.2 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, N'Djamaena, Chad, Tel: (235) 517-338, Fax: (235) 514-862, E-mail: dg.dadnadji@intnet.td, Contact: Djimarangar Dадnadji

Rural Development

(R) 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 are scheduled for *October 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: TDPE66998. 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

Structural Adjustment

Fifth Structural Adjustment (Cr. 3738-CD): 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, procurement and civil service systems; and (c) sustainable growth in rural areas through a major reform of the cotton sector and improved access to microfinance. In each of these reform areas particular attention is given to empowering the institutions that are destined to provide the checks and balances that help ensure efficient management of resources for poverty reduction. These include the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, the press, and civil society, including farmers' associations. Approved by the Executive Directors on 18 March 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. 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

Congo, Republic of

Water and Sanitation

(N) Emergency Recovery and Community Support (Cr. 3798-COB, H053-COB): The objective of the project is to provide early support to the decentralization and community recovery process. An element of a broad recovery support strategy, the project is expected to include substantial investments in the clean water, education and health sectors and will strengthen efforts already under way to help the government rehabilitate vital infrastructure, advance economic management (in particular public resource management), and improve living conditions (in particular through the Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Improvement of Living Conditions Project, which is focused on Brazzaville and the link to Pointe Noire). In view of the need for rapid intervention, the project has been processed under the Bank's emergency recovery assistance policy. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003. The credit and grant were signed on 26 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81924. US\$ 28.0/13.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency to be determined.

Côte d'Ivoire

Population, Health and Nutrition

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 is 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

Social Sector

Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction Program: 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. It is expected to improve the effectiveness and increase the efficiency of public service delivery by addressing the problems of funding constraints, weak human and institutional capacity, ineffective communication among service providers and ultimate beneficiaries, and inappropriate performance incentives. Appraisal is contingent upon security clearance. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: CIPE55076. US\$ 80.0 (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 à 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

Education/Training

(R) Education Sector Investment (Cr. 3794-ER): (formerly *Education Sector Improvement*) The objective of the project is to increase enrollment in basic education and improve quality in basic and secondary education. Increased enrollment will be achieved by building elementary and middle schools and supporting bursaries for girls' attendance. Quality will be improved by (a) building more secondary schools to alleviate overcrowding, (b) reforming the curriculum to make it more relevant, (c) upgrading assessments and examinations to promote greater internal efficiency and gather information on quality, (d) improving teacher development, (e) launching a distance education program for middle school teachers, and (f) exploring more widespread use of computers for high school teaching. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 June 2003. The grant was signed on 25 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services for preparation will focus on school design, infrastructure planning, teacher demand and supply projections, teacher development using distance learning and curriculum planning. Consulting services for implementation to be determined. Ministry of Education, PO Box 5610, Asmara, Eritrea, Tel: (291-1) 125-428, Fax: (291-1) 121-913, Contact: Petros Hailemariam, Director General, Research and Human Resources

Power

Power Distribution: The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and upgrade electricity distribution systems in Asmara and electrify certain rural areas. Appraisal mission was scheduled for 6 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Two contracts will be required: one for urban work, the other for rural work. Eritrean Electric authority (EEA), Asmara, Eritrea, Tel/Fax: (291-1) 121-468, Contact: Mr. Abraham Woldemicael, General Manager

Social Sector

Community Development Program: This project, the second phase of the Eritrea Community Development Fund (ECDF), aims at empowering and strengthening the capacity of local government and communities to expand and improve the sustainable delivery of

social and economic services. The Project is designed to build sustainable capacity in these areas: (a) access to and quality of basic social services for the poor, addressing the needs of the most vulnerable; (b) improving savings and income generating capacity of disadvantaged communities; (c) strengthening the role of women in national development; and (d) improving availability of data on welfare conditions and the quality of analysis. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: ERPE44675. 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

Transport

Road Sector: The project will be the first phase of an adaptable program loan. The project will include (a) building institutional capacity for engineering and financial management, materials testing and quality control; (b) rehabilitation, strengthening and upgrading of priority roads, bridges and culverts; and (c) implementation of a national road safety program. Appraisal mission is scheduled for March 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: ERPE50357. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting 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

Public Sector Management

Capacity Building for Decentralized Service Delivery (Cr. 3698-ET): The objective of the project is to carry out a long-term strategy of public sector capacity building at federal, regional and local levels of government. Specifically, it will support top-down federal level reforms of budgetary and personnel management systems as well as role restructuring in preparation for more intensive efforts at the regional level. In addition, it will finance bottom-up efforts to enable and empower local governments more effectively to exercise autonomy and deliver services in a sustainable manner. The project's components will be (a) reforming federal civil service systems, (b) building regional capacity and (c) restructuring and empowering local governments. Approved by the Executive Directors on 23 July 2002. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: ETPE50938. US\$ 26.2 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation, PO Box 1037, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 564-778, Contact: Ato Girma; Ministry of Capacity Building, External Relations and Resource Mobilization Directorate, PO Box 1082, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Contact: Mr. Mesfin Tafesse, Director

Public Service Delivery Capacity Building Program: The objective of the project 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 B. US\$ 150.0 (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

Emergency Drought Recovery (H028-ET): The objective of the project is to help affected families survive the emergency, retain productive assets, and develop sustainable livelihoods. The project will also help stabilize the macro-economy. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 March 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: ETPE81773. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be

required for implementation. Ministry of Rural Development, Food Security Department; Regional and Woreda Governments

Transport

(R) Second Roads Sector Development Support Program (H049-ET): The project will rehabilitate and upgrade priority secondary and regional rural roads. Feasibility studies and detailed engineering designs of selected roads are in progress under ongoing projects. A Rural Travel and Transport Program to prepare village-level development activities is being prepared. *Approved by the Executive Directors* on 17 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: ETPE44613. US\$ 126.8 (IDA Grant). Consulting services for feasibility studies and engineering designs are being financed under existing projects; additional services to be determined. 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 Supply/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 November 2003.* 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

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: GAPE70196. 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

Ghana

Education

(R) Promoting Partnerships with Traditional Authorities: (H056-GH): (formerly under Social Sector) The project will support the following objectives and components: (a) helping control the spread of HIV/AIDS and other endemic diseases, through strengthening and enhancement of the capacity and the advocacy role of traditional authorities; (b) expanding the provision of equitable and quality basic education by deepening and strengthening community involvement in the provision of infrastructure, administration and access in rural areas; (c) helping build a sustainable partnership with government through institutional strengthening and building the capacity of traditional authorities; and (d) conservation and sustainable reintegration of the cultural heritage of the traditional area into the socioeconomic development plans of the community. The lessons learned would serve as a basis to scale up the activities in a future Bank-financed project. The project was approved — following LIL procedures — on 10 March 2003. *The grant was signed on 25 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: GHPE71399. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services are being identified. Ashanti

Regional Coordinating Council, PO Box 38, Kumasi-Ashanti, Ghana, Tel: (233-51) 22503, (233-20) 511-5116, Fax: (233-51) 22503, E-mail: cpptap@ghana.com, Contacts: Nana Boakye Ansah-Debrah, Mr. K. K. Mensah, Director

Education/Training

(R) Education Sector Development: The objective of the project is to strengthen sector policy formulation programming, budgeting and monitoring. Appraisal mission was scheduled for July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: GHPE50620. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, PO Box M45, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 247-605, Fax: (233-21) 664-067, Contact: Mr. Ato Essuman, Director, FPMU

Public Sector Management

Accountability and Capacity Building: 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 (PUFMARP) 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: GHPE69348. 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

Land Administration: The objective of the project, which is the first, five-year phase of a long-term program, will be to restructure and streamline land administration institutions and conduct initial studies and legal reviews to revise land administration laws in subsequent phases. Systems of cadastral mapping, land titling, registration and land records management will be developed in pilot areas that represent prevalent land tenures. The project's components are: (a) legislative and policy reform; (b) institutional reform and capacity building; (c) cadastral mapping and land administration information systems development; and (d) pilot subprojects in systematic land titling and registration. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 22 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: GHPE71157. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants were used in project preparation and social assessment. An international expert in institutional reform of public sector land agencies was required for January-February 2003. Lands Commission, Ministry of Lands, Forestry and Mines, PO Box 212, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 665-421, Fax: (233-21) 761-840, E-mail: smahama@mlf.gh.com, Contact: Mr. Suleimana Mahama

Social Protection

(N) Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 3797-GH, H052-GH): The objective of the project is to support policies and reforms aimed at improving living conditions by promoting growth, incomes and employment, accelerating human resource development, and strengthening governance and public sector management as spelled out in the country's Poverty Reduction Strategy. Two additional poverty reduction support projects are planned over the coming two fiscal years. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003. The credit and grant were signed on 25 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76808. US\$ 88.0/37.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Tel: (233-21) 662-299, 686-179, Fax: (233-21) 663-854, E-mail: mayesu@africaexpress.com, Contact: Michael Ayesu

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 Supply/Sanitation

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 not yet determined. PID: GHPE56256. 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

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. GEF Council presentation is scheduled for February 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID is being updated. 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/Training

(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 scheduled for late August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: KEPE78209. 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) Free Primary Education Support (H050-KE): The objective of the project is to improve pupil performance and retention through ensuring an adequate supply and better use of instructional materials. The project would support the government's new policy of Free Primary Education (FPE), and it would also assist the country to move towards the Millennium Development Goal of having all children throughout Kenya able to complete a full course of primary schooling by the year 2015. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 June 2003. The grant was signed on 26 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services was selected. Ministry of Education, Science & Technology (MOEST),

Jogoo House "B", Harambee Avenue, P.O. Box 30040, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-2) 240-089, Fax: (254-2) 214-287, Contact: Mrs. Naomi Wangai, Director of Education & Mr. Karega Mutahi, Ph.D., Permanent Secretary.

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. Appraisal mission is scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: KEPE1373. 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

Environment

(R) Arid Lands Resource Management Phase Two (Cr. 3795-KE): The objective of the project is to enhance food security and promote sustainable livelihoods through effective systems and structures that reduce vulnerability. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 June 2003. The credit was signed on 26 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Office of the President, PO Box 53547, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-2) 227-496, Fax: (254-2) 227-982, E-Mail: alrmp@afrikaonline.co.ke, Contact: Mr. Mahhoub Maalim, National Project Coordinator, ALRMP

Public Sector Management

Local Government Fiscal Restructuring: 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

Transport

(N) Kenya 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). The project includes reconstruction of priority road sections (356 km) of the Northern Corridor between Mombasa and Malaba, which carries more than 70 per cent of the traffic between the seaport of Mombasa at the coast, the Nairobi area and Uganda, Rwanda and Eastern Port of DRC (the remaining being carried by rail). To promote public-private partnership in the road sector, the project will facilitate concessioning of selected sections of the Northern Corridor, including the Nairobi-Machakos turn-off section and the Nairobi southern bypass, on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis, and introduce long-term performance-based road maintenance contracting of about 300 km of other national roads on a pilot basis. It will also provide support for a well defined institutional and policy reform agenda, including the establishment of an autonomous National Highways Authority (NHA) responsible for delivery and management of the trunk roads in the country, upgrade Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) and the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) to US clearance status and improve the operational performance of Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) and the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA). Project preparation is under way. Appraisal mission is scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$174.0 (IDA). Consultant 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, Tel.: (254-2) 716-862, Fax: (254-2) 717-802, Contact: Eng. C. Orege, Project Coordinator

Lesotho

Public Sector Management

Public Sector Improvement and Reform: This proposed adaptable program loan would aim 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: LSPE65731. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government Office, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 311-000, Fax: (266) 320-578, Contact: Ms. M. Lebesa, Principal Secretary

Water Supply/Sanitation

Water Sector Improvement: The objective of the project is to support the Government of Lesotho to secure sustainable, adequate and clean water supply and appropriate wastewater services for consumers living in the Lowland areas. This objective will be accomplished by: (a) supporting the implementation of the 1999 Water Resources Management Strategy and its related institutional sector reforms; (b) providing for capacity building to ensure sector policy formulation is coordinated with proposed sector legal and regulatory utility reforms; (c) providing for new management mechanisms that promote commercial incentives in the main sector utility - WASA; and (d) augmentation and rehabilitation of urban water supply and wastewater facilities increase supply. Appraisal mission is scheduled for May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: LSPE56418. US\$ 17.5 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Natural Resources, Department of Water Affairs, Tel: (266) 317-516, Fax: (266) 310-437, E-mail: dwa@ilesotho.com, Contact: Mr. Emmanuel Lesoma, Director; Water and Sewerage Authority, PO Box 426, Maseru, 100 Lesotho, Tel: (266) 312-449, Fax: (266) 310-006, E-mail: makhoalibe@wasa.co.ls, Contacts: S. Makhoalibe, Chief Executive, M.P. Leroitholi, Engineering Director

Madagascar

Industry

(R) Mineral Resources Governance (Cr. 3754-MAG): 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: MGPE76245. 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.prm@dts.mg, Contact: Ramarolahy Jonasy, Interim Project Coordinator

Power

(R) Energy Services Delivery: 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: MGPE74659. 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

Public Sector Management

(R) Poverty Reduction and Institutional Development: 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 mission is scheduled for August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required, mainly for institutional development and training. Office of the President, Chief of Staff, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-7338, Fax: (261-20) 226-7033, E-mail: mpaigep@dts.mg, Contact: M. Davida Rajaon, Chief of Staff

Malawi

Population, Health and Nutrition

Multi-sectoral HIV/AIDS Program: 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. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 July 2003. *Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: MWPE73821. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). 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*

Power

Energy Access Expansion and Development: 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: natresources@malawi.net, Contact: Mr. Ellos Lodzeni, Director of Administration; Department of Energy, Tel: (265) 774-702, Contact: Dr. Charles Kafumba, Director of Energy

Rural Development

(R) 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: MWPE75247. 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

Social Protection

(R) Third Social Action (Cr. 3782-MAI, H045-MAI): The objective of the project is to empower individuals, households, communities

and their development partners in the implementation of measures that can help them managing risks associated with health, education, sanitation, water, transportation, energy and food insecurity, and to provide support to the critically vulnerable through a variety of sustainable interventions. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2003. *The credit and grant were signed on 9 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75911. US\$ 32.8/27.2 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Malawi Social Action Fund Management Unit, Office of the President and Cabinet, Red Cross House, Lilongwe 3, Malawi, Tel: (265) 775-666, Fax: (265) 771-676, E-mail: skakhobwe@masaf.org

Mali

Energy and Mining

(R) Household Energy & 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 decentralized energy services delivery in rural and peri-urban areas. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 22 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 73036, 76440. US\$ 35.6/3.5 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Direction Nationale de l'Energie, Bâtiment CRES, Badalaboogou, BP 1872, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-4538, Fax: (223) 223-7396, E-mail: denery@afribone.net.ml, Contact: Solomani Diakite

Environment

(R) 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 are scheduled for October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: MLPE52402. 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: biodiver@malinet.ml, Contact: Hamid Ag Mohamed Lamine

Transport

(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 October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID MLPE79351. US\$ 24.0/6.0 (IDA/IDA Grant). 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

Energy and Mining

(N) Second Mining Sector Capacity Buiding (Cr. 3810-MAU): The objective of the project is to strengthen the government's capacity to act as a facilitator and regulator of mining activities and to increase private investment significantly in the country's mining sector. Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 July 2003. Envi-

ronmental Assessment Category A. PID: 78383. US\$ 18.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Mines and Industry, BP 199, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222) 525-6861, Fax: (222) 525-6861, E-mail: prism@toptechnology.mr, Contact: Samory Ould Soueïdatt

Health, Nutrition and Population

(N) Multisector HIV/AIDS Control (H057-MAU): The objective of the project is to maintain the HIV infection that causes AIDS below the prevalence rate of 1 per cent and reduce opportunistic infections. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 July 2003. The grant was signed on 14 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78368. US\$ 21.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National HIV/AIDS/STIs Committee, Tel: (222) 630-3273, Fax: (222) 529-1614, E-mail: abdhorma@yahoo.fr, Contact: Dr. Abdallah Ould Horma, Director, National HIV/AIDS/STI Executive Secretariat

Water Supply/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: MRPE79475. 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

Mozambique

Population, Health and Nutrition

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: MZPE78053. 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

Power

(R) Energy Reform and Access: The objective of the program is to expand access to electricity in rural and perirural areas. Components will include technical assistance, capacity building, investments in low-cost main grid extensions to rural areas, setting up isolated mini-grids where main grid extension is not economical or feasible in a timely manner and photovoltaic lighting systems for institutions and households in underserved 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. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 19 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: MZPE69183. US\$ 50.0 (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 assess-

ment 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, 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, Tel: (258-1) 490-636, Fax: (258-1) 491-048, Contact: Mr. V. Veloso, President

Public Sector Management

(R) Decentralized Planning and Financing: 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. The project would assist the Ministries of Planning and Finance (MPF) and State Administration (MAE) to develop national laws, regulations, guidelines and procedures for decentralized planning, financing and management of development programs at the District and Provincial levels. The project would implement a District Development Fund grant, linked to the fiscal management system, to finance small-scale investments in rural areas. The DDF would finance public infrastructure and services as well as community-based micro-projects for improving local livelihoods, with implementation through District administrations or communities depending on the nature of the investment. The DPFP would also establish new systems and capacities of Provincial, District, and community authorities for (i) works contracting and supervision; and (ii) operation and maintenance of rural infrastructure, including non-classified roads. In this regard, the project would develop the capacity of local contractors to deliver small-scale works. *Negotiations were scheduled to begin on 23 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: MZPE1807. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for analysis of intergovernmental 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

(R) 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 is scheduled for September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: NAGE73135. US\$ 7.1 (GEF). Grants to fund consulting services for preparation have been committed 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

Education/Training

(R) Education: The objective of the project is to extend access to basic education with a tentative target of 70% enrollment ratio in 10 years and improve the gender ratio and quality of teaching and learning. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 17 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IDA).

Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, BP 11.897, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227) 722-280, 722-677, Fax: (227) 722-797, Contact: Mrs. Hima Adizi Mailélé

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Program: The objective of the project is to provide technical support to the financial sector adjustment program through these components: (a) strengthening the financial institution environment; (b) restructuring and enabling development of specialized finance; (c) developing financial intermediation systems such as microfinance and postal financial services; (d) reforming social security; and (e) building capacity. *Board presentation is scheduled for 6 November 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required during preparation for (a) completing a study of the situation of main microfinance institutions; (b) assessing actions needed to return the social security system to long-term equilibrium; (c) analyzing the training needs of commercial banks and insurance companies in key areas including legal issues; (d) analyzing the conditions for financial services in each post office. 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/Training

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: NGPE71494. 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

(R) University System Innovation: The project will promote institutional innovations, strategic management and improved teaching/learning in support of national economic development among 24 federal universities. *Project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: NGPEPO70447. US\$ 102.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National Universities Commission, Tel: (234-9) 413-3185, Fax: (234-9) 413-3520, E-mail: es@nuc.edu.ng, Contact: Prof. Peter Okebukola, Executive Secretary

Environment

(R) Local Empowerment and Environmental Management Program: 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. *Board presentation is scheduled for September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: NGPE69892. US\$ 80.0/8.0 (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

Partnership for Polio Eradication (Cr. 3751-UNI): The objective of the project is to accelerate the National Polio Eradication Pro-

gram 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: NGPE80295. 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

Population, Health and Nutrition

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: NGPE70290. 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

Transport

Lagos Urban Transport (Cr. 3720-UNI): 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: NGPE74963. 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: dmobereola@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Dayo Mobereola, Managing Director

Urban Development

Lagos Metropolitan Development: The project aims at improving livability in Lagos state 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. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation. Lagos State Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, the Secretariat, Alausa, Lagos, Nigeria, Tel: (234-1) 496-2726, Fax: (234-1) 496-4275, Contact: Hon. Commissioner, Arc. I. K. B. Anibaba

Water Supply/Sanitation

(R) 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 waste water. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID NGPE71391. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants for preparation have been appointed as part of the IFC-led reform effort. 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

(R) 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: NGPE71075. 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 or nwater@hotmail.com, Contact: Engr. M. A. K. Abubakar, Director Water Supply

Regional

Environment

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 components, to be co-implemented by UNDP and the World Bank, are: (a) improved basin management, (b) capacity building, (c) data management, (d) regional forums, (e) demonstrating change in the basin through microgrant programs and (f) transboundary development analysis and strategic action plan preparation. 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

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-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. Negotiations were scheduled for August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: SNPO64573. US\$ 5.3 (GEF). Implementation will be undertaken jointly with the United Nations Development Programme, which will provide US\$ 2.0 of funding. Consultants TORs are being prepared. 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@sunmail.sn, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Salem Ould Merzoug, High Commissioner

Rwanda

Population, Health and Nutrition

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. Mainly, work plans of line ministries will support capacity building, planning and policy, to strengthen policy formulation regarding HIV/AIDS, by enhancing prevention, care and support services. Health care will strengthen the diagnosis, care and treatment of the disease, which includes the prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission, HIV voluntary testing and counseling services, and laboratories/blood banks technical capacity. To facilitate behavioral change, peer programs and public outreach will address appropriate preventive measures, whereas social and financial support will be provided to orphans and vulnerable children, including training programs for community volunteers, counselors, and home-based caregivers. Demand-side subsidies will support the financial obstacles to testing, care and treatment of HIV and associated opportunistic diseases. The project is part of a multi-country HIV/AIDS program in the region. Approved by the Executive Directors on 31 March 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: RWPE71374. 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

Public Sector Management

(R) Multi-Sector Support: The major objectives are to: (a) reinforce good governance, economic management and public service delivery, and (b) improve human capacity in implementing government action. The activities to be funded under the project would aim at (i) providing assistance to GoR for the elaboration of a comprehensive and strategically coherent Multi-sector Capacity Building Program, and (ii) strengthening governmental institutions through the implementation of some of the selected components based on defined criteria. Given the plethora of interventions in capacity building, the government has initiated a process to articulate a comprehensive Multi-sector Capacity Building Program in order to ensure a coherent coordinated response to capacity building issues in the public sector. In this regard, assisting the government to come up first with such a program is a key element of the project and constitutes a major part of preparation. While not all key elements of the project would have been spelled out during the preparatory stage, priority areas that would have emerged during preparation would be fully identified and appraised for IDA support. Appraisal mission is scheduled for *December 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: RWPE66386. 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, mukankusi@hotmail.com, Contact: Charlotte Mukankusi, Program Coordinator, Multi-Sector Support Project

Institutional Reform (Cr. 3721-RW): 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. The main components are budget reform, public administration reform, private sector development including the financial sector, privatization of state-owned enterprises, and establishment of regulatory frameworks for developing the coffee and tea sectors, and human development including gender reforms. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 December 2002. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: RWPE66385. 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

São Tomé and Príncipe

Social Sector

Social Sector Support: 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 was scheduled for 31 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: STPE75979. US\$ 7.0/3.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). 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

Environment

Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Management: The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen the management of existing coastal and marine protected areas, (b) develop and implement participatory systems for managing biodiversity in a sustainable manner, and (c) improve the capacity to protect and conserve coastal and marine biodiversity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants are being recruited. 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

Sierra Leone

Economic Management

Third Economic Rehabilitation and Recovery (Cr. 3765-SL): The objective of the project is to strengthen (a) local government for service delivery, and (b) public expenditure management. Key measures on the former include passage of the Local Government Act before the December 2003 local election, defining roles and responsibilities at all levels of government and capacity building. The project will assist in defining and implementing new inter-governmental relationships and building capacity at both the local and central government levels to carry out the decentralization program successfully over the next two years. Public expenditure management focuses on strengthening the medium-term expenditure framework, extending and deepening financial management reforms and undertaking procurement reforms to enhance the effectiveness of public funds. Approved by the Executive Directors on 20 May 2003. The credit was signed on 9 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78623. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Secretariat Bldg., George St., Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 222-211, Fax: (232-22) 228-472, Contact: Mr J. B. Dauda

Education/Training

Rehabilitation of Basic Education (H020-SL): The objectives of the project are to help the government reestablish education services after the conflict and prepare the ground for building up the education sector. The project aims at (a) providing education for the majority of children of school age, 6-15 years old; (b) guaranteeing that schools are meeting fundamental standards of quality education; and (c) developing 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: SLPE74320. 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

Population, Health and Nutrition

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: SLPE79335. 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

Greater Addo Elephant National Park Conservation: 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: ZAPE64438. 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

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) 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 is scheduled for August 15, 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$9.3 (GEF). Consultants 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

Tanzania

Agriculture

(R) Participatory Agricultural Development and Empowerment (Cr. 3770-TA): The project aims at increasing rural incomes by supporting community-initiated investments related to the introduction of new agricultural technologies and improvement of input and output marketing channels. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 May 2003. *The credit was signed on 23 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: TZPE67103. US\$ 56.6 (IDA). Consultants will be required for policy reform, soil fertility enhancement, agricultural intensification, market development and capacity building. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, PO Box 13798, Haidery Plaza, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-1886, Fax: (255-22) 286-1936, E-mail: simonmuro@raha.com or sfrap@raha.com, Contact: Mr. Simon Muro, Project Coordinator

Population, Health and Nutrition

(R) Multisectoral AIDS: The project will support Tanzania's plan to reduce HIV transmission and mitigate the adverse consequences of AIDS. The project includes (a) capacity strengthening of agencies responding to AIDS; (b) AIDS-related interventions through government ministries; (c) support to district and community-based AIDS-related interventions; and (d) the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation system. *Approved by the Executive Directors on*

7 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: TZPE71014. 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.

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

Public Sector Management

Accountability, Transparency and Integrity: 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: TZPE70544. 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

Water Supply/Sanitation

(R) Dar es Salaam Water Supply and Sanitation (Cr. 3771-TA): The project would support technical, commercial and financial rehabilitation of the water supply and sanitation service in Dar es Salaam. This would be achieved by privatizing Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority's operations through a lease contract with a private operator who has recently been selected and implementing a program of rehabilitation of all water supply and sanitation facilities and extension of piped water in poorly served neighborhoods. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 May 2003. *The credit was signed on 23 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: TZPE59073. US\$ 61.5 (IDA). Construction supervision consultants, financial and technical auditors are being selected; other consultant services to be determined. Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority, PO Box 1573 / 5340, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 213-1191, Fax: (255-22) 211-6716, Contact: Mr. A. R. Mutalemwa, Director General

Togo

Population, Health and Nutrition

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 is scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: TGPE71634. 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

Power

Energy Sector Investment (Power V): The project would support privatized distribution utility and reinforcement and expansion of the transmission and distribution systems, and creating the environment for the private sector power generation. Appraisal mission is scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: TGPE41277. 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

Uganda

Power

Bujagali Hydropower Technical Assistance: 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. Preappraisal is scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ amount to be determined. (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Sector Governance

(R) Second Local Government Development (Cr. 3773-UG, H041-UG): The objective of the project is to ensure that services that have been mandated to the local governments are sustainable, delivered on a timely basis and with value for money, and also are delivered through a process that is fully in accord with the law and regulations. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 May 2003. *The credit and grant were signed on 20 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77477. US\$ 50.0/75.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Local Government, Program Management Unit, Ministry of Local Government, Tel: (256-41) 232-741, Fax: (256-41) 232-936, E-mail: peri@imul.com, Contact: Mr. Martin Onyach-Olaa

Public Sector Management

Capacity and Performance Enhancement: 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 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: UGPE50440. 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

Structural Adjustment

(R) Third Poverty Reduction Support: 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. *Board presentation is scheduled for 4 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). 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

Zambia

Private Sector Development

(R) 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: ZMPE71407. 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, 227-647, Fax: (260-1) 222-189, Contact: Mr. John Chiluwe, Project Coordinator

Structural Adjustment

Fiscal Sustainability II: 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

Zimbabwe

Population, Health and Nutrition

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: ZWPE70186. 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: ZWPE3325. 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

Public Sector Management

Local Government and Development: 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: ZMPE3306. 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

Social Sector

Enhanced Social Protection: 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: ZWPE68947. 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

Transport

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: ZWPE57096. 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: ZWPE40634. 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/Training

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 organiza-

tional 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: KHPE70666. 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

Power

(R) Rural Electrification: *The objective of this project is to bring electricity to 100, 000 rural homes.* PAD preparation is under way. *Decision Meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 2003.* A PPF advance of US\$ 0.3 was approved in October 2001. The implementing agency was considering retroactive financing. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: KHPE64844. 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

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: KHPE71146. 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

Structural Adjustment

(R) Poverty Reduction Support: 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

Transport

(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. *Appraisal mission* and negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 11 September 2003. A second IDA advance of US\$ 0.1 has been approved under the Project Preparation Facility for mine clearance along the project roads and other preparatory purposes. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: KHPE71207. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services financed under a Japan-PHRD grant started in August 2002. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Norodom Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-12) 811-583, Fax: (855-23) 724-279, E-mail: wb_piu2@bigpond.com.kh, Contact: Mr. Lim Sidenine, Director, Ministry of Rural Development, House No. 34D ST., 1092, Sangkat Teak Iak II, Khan Toul Kork, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 884-160, Fax: (855-23) 884-160, E-mail: mrdesk@camnet.com.kh, Contact: Mr. Mour Kimsan, Sr. Engineer

Water Supply/Sanitation

(R) Provincial and Peri-Urban Water and Sanitation (Cr. 3746-KH, H034-KH): The project will finance water supply and sanitation infrastructure in the urban and peri-urban areas of Cambodia, focusing on promoting partnerships with the private sector. The project will implement the recommendations of the Cambodia Water Supply and Sanitation Policy Framework, which had been developed by the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) through the IDA-financed Cambodia Urban Water Supply Project (IDA Credit 3041-KH). The project will finance investments that (a) respond to what consumers in the project communities want and are willing to pay; and (b) facilitate and develop private sector participation in financing, operating and maintaining constructed facilities, while designing specific instruments that ensure inclusion of low-income communities residing in the service areas. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 April 2003. *Credit was signed on 17 June 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: KHPE73311. US\$ 16.9/3.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services will be required. Department of Potable Water Supply, Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy, 45 Norodom Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel/Fax: (855-23) 210-272, E-mail: watersector@bigpond.com.kh, Contact: Mr. Peng Navuth, Director

China

Agriculture

(R) Gansu and Xinjiang Pastoral Development: 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. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late *July 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: CNPE65035. US\$ 95.0 (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

Jiangxi Integrated Agriculture Modernization: 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 are tentatively scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: CNPE65463. 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

Education/Training

(R) Basic Education in Western Areas: 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. Negotiations were scheduled for *late July 2003*. The project will be cofinanced by DFID. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: CNPE73002. 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

Power

Renewable Energy Scale-up Program: The project will help enable commercial renewable electricity suppliers to provide energy to the electricity market efficiently, cost-effectively and on a large scale. The program would support the implementation of a national policy framework that would legally require a share of electricity to be met from renewable resources—a mandated market policy. The mandated market policy is required to address the failure of the market price for thermal electricity to reflect the costs of damage borne by society, resulting from pollution caused by burning fossil fuels. The program would support implementation of necessary laws and/or regulations, as well as a range of other measures to strengthen commercial capacity to scale up renewable energy markets. These other measures are aimed at developing a competitive renewable electricity industry in China. They include support for technology development, resource assessment, feasibility studies of projects, and capacity building of project developers, utilities, commercial banks, institutes and government officials. The program would also directly support a small number of investment projects to be implemented under the policy. Project preparation is under way. The project brief was approved by the GEF Council at its May 2001 meeting. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: CNPE67825. 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: wencaizhang@mof.gov.cn, Contact: Zhang Wencai, GEF Operational Focal Point of China

Rural Development

(R) Poor Rural Communities Development: The project will support the government's objective of reducing 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 components include (a) environmentally sustainable mountain agriculture; (b) community-based infrastructure; (c) basic health, education and other social services; (d) project management and support; and perhaps (e) the rural enterprise development initiative. *Project preparation* mission is scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: CNPE71084. 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

Transport

(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 tentatively scheduled for *September 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: CNPE77137 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) 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

(R) 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: CNPE76714. 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

(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 is *in the field*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: CNPE69852 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: whjxtmb@public.wh.hb.cn, Contact: Mr. Hui Shuquan, Vice 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: CNPE75602. US\$ 242.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. 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.

Urban Development

(R) 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: CNPE70191. 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

(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. The main components include (a) expansion of sewerage infrastructure and wastewater treatment; (b) enhancement of safe disposal of solid waste; (c) redevelopment of the historic inner-city with associated underground infrastructure; (d) institutional development and policy reform in the utility sector; and (e) conservation of cultural heritage. The total project costs have been tentatively estimated at US\$300 million, with Bank funding estimated at US\$140 million. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for *late August 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: CNPE69955. 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 Guazhou 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. Capacity building and technical assistance would also be supported. 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

Tianjin Urban Development and Environment II (Ln. 4695-CHA): The objective of the project is to improve the efficiency and equity of environmental and transportation facilities. Approved by the Executive Directors on 20 May 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: CNPE40599. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultant commenced work. Tianjin Municipal Construction Commission, Tel: (86-22) 2712-9714, Fax: (86-22) 2330-6419, E-mail: tjpmo@shell.tjvan.com.cn, Contacts: Mr. Qi Wenjie, Deputy Director, Project Management Office; Mr. Wang Yi Fang, PMO

Indonesia

Population, Health and Nutrition

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. These provinces are interested in alleviating the financial and managerial uncertainties of the on-going decentralization process, and in seizing the emerging opportunities for sustainable health care financing and equitable access to higher quality of care. Therefore, this project intends to improve access to and quality of health services in selected provinces through institutional support and increased investment in health financing and human resources. More specifically, the project will have three components, each applicable to all three levels of governance: (i) improved health system stewardship, including policy and planning, management and system regulation; (ii) sustained and expanded health services financing and delivery; and (iii) strengthened health work force policy, management and training. This combined platform will be used to improve health work force quality and effectiveness as well as to address service delivery and resource mobilization issues at the provincial and district levels. Approved the Executive Directors on 12 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: IDPE73772. 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 med-

ical 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 (MoNE), 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

Power

(R) Domestic Gas Sector Restructuring: 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): The project aims at supporting the government of Indonesia in its 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. The lending instrument of the project has been changed from an Adaptable Program Loan (APL) to a Specific Investment Loan (SIL) as its scope has narrowed from the power and gas sectors to include only the most immediate needs in the power sector. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 June 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: IDPE63913. 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

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: IDPE76271. 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 Management

(R) 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. The project will be prepared and designed to include an extensive process of participation by civil society groups, professional organizations and DPRD members through a series of workshops and forums that engage these groups directly in policy reform dialogue and investment allocation. The project will focus on regulatory policy, procurement, financial management, trade and taxes. The processes undertaken to develop the core set of reforms mentioned above will also allow the opportunity to experiment with reform in other areas. The second area will be kabupaten-level dialogue to reach consensus on pro-poor investment priorities based on civic participation. The dialog will be guided by local expenditure reviews, and various techniques of poverty assessment such as poverty mapping. The final area will be investments identified through the poverty assessments. These might include budgetary support sub-project investment in a variety of sectors. Preappraisal mission was scheduled for *late July 2003*. 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) 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\$ 7.0 (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

(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 is scheduled for September 2003. *Environmental Assessment Category B*. PID: IDPE64728. US\$ 65.0 (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

(R) 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: IDPE59931. 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

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. Preappraisal mission completed. Appraisal mission is scheduled for mid-September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71316. US\$ 42.5 (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. Indonesia Institute of Sciences (LIPI) and Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DKP), J1 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

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

Social Sector

(R) Third Kecamatan Development (Ln. 4710-IND, Cr. 3806-IND): 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

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\$ 10.0 (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@dnnet.com. Contact: Ir. Tatag Wiranto, Director, Community and Rural Empowerment

Transport

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 (DGRD), and technical support for the provinces and kabupatens/ 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) tech-

nical 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

Housing MicroFinance: The objective of the project is to improve housing opportunities for low and lower-middle income families through micro-lending, technical assistance for capacity building of financial institutions, local governments and NGOs and training. A decision meeting is scheduled for 11 October 2003. Appraisal is scheduled for 27 October 2003 and negotiations for 15 December 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 6.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Settlements and Regional Infrastructure, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 723-2373, Fax: (62-21) 723-2373, Contact: Mr. Aca Sugandhy, Director General for Housing and Settlements

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, with US\$ 24 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: IDPE71296. US\$ 21.5/2.5 (IBRD/IDA). 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 GOI operationalize a water regulatory framework, and undertake feasibility studies to prepare water supply and sanitation projects. Project preparation is under way. Preappraisal is scheduled for November 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 60668. US\$ 60.0 (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. Budi-man Arif, Director General, Directorate General of Urban and Rural Development

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Education/Training

(R) Second Education: The objective of the project is achievement of universal completion of primary education by increasing primary school enrollment and completion in the 19 poorest districts of the six poorest provinces. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: LAPE78113. 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. Lytoun Bouapao, Director, Department of Planning and Cooperation

Population, Health and Nutrition

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. It will include these components: (a) human resource development, to improve the formal and in-service training of doctors and nurses, the quality of services provided and the management of health staff; (b) infectious diseases control, including development of a more effective surveillance system; (c) health financing; and (d) improving access to affordable health service. It will include construction and rehabilitation of health centers and referral hospitals, provision of equipment and drugs and technical assistance. 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. These objectives will be achieved through: (a) continuation of the development of national policies, the regulatory framework and institutions for land administration; (b) issuance and registration of titles in urban and rural areas; and (c) establishment of an efficient and transparent land administration and valuation system. The project would include the following components; (a) continuation of the development of land policy and regulatory framework; (b) long-term institutional development of the Department of Lands; (c) accelerated program for systematic and mini-systematic land titling; (d) development of land registration function; (e) property valuation; and (f) strengthening state property management. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75006. US\$ 14.8 (IDA). Consulting services are required for preparation and 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. Oun Visounnalath, Director of DOLHM, Land Titling 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: LAPE64886. 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

Transport

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

Public Sector Management

(R) Economic Capacity Building Technical Assistance (Cr. 3803-MOG): This 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: 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 is scheduled for September 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

Transport

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 Supply/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 is scheduled for September 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

Transport

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 for 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

Environment

(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 *early August* 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: PHPE70899. 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

Population, Health and Nutrition

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 HSRA. 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

Power

(R) Rural 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 for 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. *Negotiations are under way.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: PHPE66397. 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

Public Sector Management

(R) Judicial Reform: This project will support the Philippines Action Plan for Judicial Reform: 2001-2006. The action plan supports (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. The precise aspects that this project will focus on are yet to be finalized. It is expected to include (a) improvement of court administration; (b) improvement of court processes and case-flow management; (d) development and implementation of an information and communications strategy; and (d) pilot improvements in model courts. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 19 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: PHPE66076. 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: 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

Public Sector Strengthening: 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) Diversified Farm Income and Market Development: The proposed project would seek 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

Community Managed Agrarian Reform Program (LIL): 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

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 is being identified. 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

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 livelihoods 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. Project is being identified. 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 was scheduled for 12 August 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

Infrastructure

(R) Second Infrastructure Asset Management: 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 investments in these sub-sectors needed to support and protect national economic growth and quality of life. Since the pace and direction of public sector reform in this traditionally large sector have significant social, financial and political implications, the reforms need to be developed within the country's cultural context and require progressive implementation over a sufficient period of time to allow effective participation and consultation. The program is scheduled for an eight-year period, to be undertaken in two phases of 3 and 5 years respectively. The program is being administered through a multi-departmental steering committee established in 1997. It is jointly supported through an APL by IDA for the full 8-year period, and by annual grant funding from the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). The phases are: (a) IAM-1: Meeting Vital Priorities and Strengthening Management (1999-2002), and (b) IAM-2: Investing for Sustainable Growth and Protection (2002-2007). Project preparation is under way. Decision meeting was scheduled for 15 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75523. US\$ 9.6 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Works, Private Mail Bag, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 20-865/21-611, Contact: Mr. Vaaelua Nofu Vaaelua, 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

Structural Adjustment

(R) Public Sector Reform II: This program is designed to support ongoing reforms that aim at improving public sector management through (a) better management of financial and human resources; (b) improved service delivery; and (c) greater accountability and transparency. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: THPE56522. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Prime Minister's Office and Public Sec-

tor Reform Steering Committee/Fiscal Policy Office, Bangkok 10400, Thailand, Tel: (66-2) 273-9201, Fax: (66-2) 273-9556, Contact: Mr. Sommai Phasee, Deputy Permanent Secretary

Transport

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 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: THPE75173. US\$ 100.0 (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

Public Sector Management

(R) Transition Support Program II: The National Development Plan lays out the government's medium-term and poverty reduction strategy. The government has recently refined this strategy, through a government-wide prioritizing and sequencing exercise, based on priorities laid out in its stability program of January 2003. TSP II supports the government program, laid out in its FY2004 plan and budget, consisting of three areas: a) strengthening good governance, focusing on: strengthening state institutions, public sector management and public expenditure management; strengthening administrative capacity in the justice sector; and, possibly, capacity building in the police; b) Service delivery for poverty reduction, focusing on efficiency and effectiveness in the health and education sectors; and c) job creation, especially through private sector development and agriculture. *Negotiations* completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 22 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82190. US\$ 2.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and Finance, GPA Compound, Dili, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670-390) 3339-510, E-mail: minfinance@yahoo.com, abassarewan@mopf.gov.tp, Contact: Ms. Aicha Bassarewaram, Vice Minister

Tonga

Education

(R) 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

Population, Health and Nutrition

Health Sector Support: 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. *Negotiations* completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 24 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75230. US\$ 7.0 (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 Vaiola Hospital. Ministry of Health, PO Box 59, Nukua'lofa, Tonga, Tel: (676) 23200, Fax: (676) 24291, E-mail: soakai@kalianet.to, Contact: Mr. Taniela Sunia Soakai, Senior Health Planning Officer

Vietnam

Education/Training

(R) Primary Education for Disadvantaged Children (Cr. 3752-VN): The objective of the project is to increase access to basic/primary

education for disadvantaged groups in selected zones. The project will do this through (a) provide technical and financial support to ensure that all school sites selected districts meet Fundamental School Quality Standards; (b) address the needs of highly vulnerable children (disabled and highly vulnerable groups); and (c) help to build up the capacity of the sectoral ministry at all levels. Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 May 2003. *Credit signing was scheduled for 15 July 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: VNPE44803. US\$ 138.8 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training, Primary Education for Disadvantaged Children, Lane 30, Ta Quang Buu, Hai Ba Trung District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 868-2859, Fax: (84-4) 868-2793, Contact: Mr. Dang Tu An, Project Manager, Deputy Director of Primary Education Department (MoET)

(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 was scheduled for late August. 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

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 August. 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 of Planning and Finance Department

(R) 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

Population, Health and Nutrition

(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 August. 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

Power

Rural Energy II: 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

Public Sector Management

E-Government: 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.

Rural 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 is *under way*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: VNPE65898. US\$ 130.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), 2 Ngoc Ha St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 733-0782, Fax: (84-4) 824-7133, Contact: Mr. Pham Hong Giang, Vice Minister

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 is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: VNPE66051. 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

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

Structural Adjustment

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 3804-VN): 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003. Credit signing was scheduled for 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: fidsbv@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Duc Thuy, Governor

Transport

Road Network Improvement: The overall purpose of this project is to establish a sustainable institutional and financial framework for the maintenance of the national road network. The specific objectives would be 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. The project is a mix of technical assistance to set up an efficient maintenance management and funding system at all levels of government, and of capital funding to help the government address the current rehabilitation backlog and substantially increase periodic maintenance activities along national roads. The technical assistance and training will support the required policy, legislative and institutional changes needed, while the investment components would test more efficient contract arrangements for delivery of maintenance activities by the private sector. Appraisal mission was tentatively scheduled for late July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: VNPE59663. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consulting services are required for preparation and implementation. A PHRD grant was approved for project preparation. Project Management Unit, 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

(R) 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 October/November 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 Supply/Sanitation

(R) 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 estab-

lished 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*

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, 87 Le Dai Hanh St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (844) 976-1852, Fax: (844) 321-5428, 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) Consultant 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

central bank, the presidential palace and the provincial capitals; (b) to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Communications; and (c) to provide technical assistance and procurement support to the Postal Sector. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. 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

Population, Health and Nutrition

(R) Health Sector Emergency Rehabilitation and Development (H043-AF): The objective of the project is to reestablish and broaden a functioning health delivery system capable of meeting the population's most critical health care needs, particularly a basic package of services. This will be done by: (a) entering into performance-based partnership agreements by which the government will work with NGOs in providing a package of basic health services as well as a mechanism to strengthen provincial health departments; (b) equipping the rural health infrastructure; (c) pilot testing important interventions that could significantly impact public health such as water treatment to reduce diarrhea and practical approaches to community health care financing and (d) building capacity of the health ministry at national and provincial levels, including collection of key information. Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 June 2003. *The grant was signed on 29 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78324. US\$ 59.6 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required, particularly health systems specialists with knowledge of the country situation and NGOs able to deliver basic health services in rural areas. A general procurement notice was published in UN Development Business No. 602. Ministry of Public Health, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93) 2301356-63720, E-mail: dr_abdullahfahim@hotmail.com, Contact: Dr. Abdullah Sherzai, Director, Policy and Planning Department

Public Sector Governance

(R) Second Emergency Public Administration (H055-AF): The objectives of the project are to (a) support ongoing procurement and financial management activities and (b) provide consulting services to develop civil service and public administration reform capacity. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003. The grant was signed on 30 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82610. US\$ 8.4 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required for implementation, including technical assistance and capacity building. Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission, Ministry of Finance, Kabul, Afghanistan, E-mail: procurement@afghanistan.gov.org, eklil.hakimi@afghanistangov.org, Contact: Eklil Hakimi, Adviser, Afghanistan Assistance Coordination Authority

Structural Adjustment

(R) Emergency Fiscal Rehabilitation: The operation would 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. Project preparation is under way. *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

Transport

(R) Emergency Transport Rehabilitation (Cr. 3735-AF): The objective of the project is to contribute to the recovery of economic and social life by: (a) removing key road and civil aviation bottlenecks that seriously hamper economic recovery; (b) purchasing equipment and rendering technical assistance related to planning, maintenance and supervision of works, thereby building capacity in management, implementation and subsequent maintenance; and (c)

South Asia

Afghanistan

Finance

(N) 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. Preappraisal completed. 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

Information and Communication

(N) Emergency Communications: The objectives of the project are (a) to establish a communications network integrating the existing government network and improving coverage to ministries, the

adopting an institutional framework for the sector that lays out appropriate policies for sustainable future service delivery. Additionally, the civil works and subsequent maintenance financed through the project will provide opportunities for employment through the engagement of the local population in rehabilitation activities. Approved by the Executive Directors on 11 March 2003. *The credit was signed on 17 March 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: AFPE78284. US\$ 108.0 (IDA). Procurement of works, goods and services and contract disbursements will be carried out by Afghan Assistance Coordination Agency (AACA), but monitoring of technical assistance and physical component and project administration will be under taken by the ministries. The government has retained an international procurement agent to contract works and services on behalf of the ministries. Suitable contractual arrangements are likely to include: large civil works contracts for roads, the runway at Kabul Airport, a smaller turn key contract for rehabilitation of the Salang tunnel and adjacent snow galleries including subcontracting of ventilators, lighting and generators; support for contracting out maintenance and operation of the Salang tunnel and adjacent roads; arrangements for temporary bridges; goods contracts for civil aviation equipment using international shopping; NCB for secondary road works and quality-and-cost-based selection of consultants unless single source is used where appropriate. Ministry of Public Works, Tel: (93-22) 301-363, Fax: (93-22) 301-362, Contact: H.E. Dr. Abdullah Ali, Minister; Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Tel: (93-70) 288-662, E-mail: mocat02@yahoo.com, Contact: H.E. Eng. Raz M. Alami, Deputy Minister

Transportation

(R) National Emergency Employment Program for Rural Access (Cr. 3799-AF, H054-AF): (formerly *National Emergency Employment Program for Rural Roads*) The objective of the project is to facilitate economic and social recovery by means of (a) labor intensive rural roads sub-projects and (b) technical assistance for management of the project and the national emergency employment program (NEEP). Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003. The credit and grant were signed on 30 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82472. US\$ 20.4/18.8 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required for technical assistance to the Joint Program Management Unit and for implementation contracts. Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development, Kabul, Afghanistan, Contact: Honorable Minister Hanif Atmar; Ministry of Public Works, Kabul, Afghanistan, Contact: Honorable Minister Abdullah Ali

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, 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, Tel: (880-2) 861-2484, Fax: (880-2) 861-8871, Contact: Dr. Tehmina Hussain, Secretary

Finance

(R) Central Bank Strengthening (Cr. 3792-BD): (Formerly *Central Banking Strengthening*) The project will focus on strengthening the central bank in the areas of functional reorganization, human resources development, and automation/MIS. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 June 2003. The credit was signed on 30 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: BDPE62916. US\$ 37.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Bangladesh Bank, Head Office Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Fax: (880-2) 956-6212, Contact: Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, Governor; Ministry of Finance, Bhaban 7, Room 238, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-0406, Fax: (880-2) 861-5581, Contact: Mr. Zakir Ahmed Khan, Secretary, Finance Division

Information and Communication

(R) Telecommunications Technical Assistance (Cr. 3790-BD): The objective of the project is to improve the performance of the telecommunications sector by strengthening the policy, institutional and regulatory frameworks in order to promote competitiveness of infrastructure and services. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 June 2003. The credit was signed on 30 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 9.1 (IDA). Consulting services will be needed for (a) restructuring the Telegraph and Telephone Board, (b) strengthening the policy function of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, and (c) strengthening the regulatory capacity of the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission. Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Bldg. 7, Room 405, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 831-2160, Fax: (880-2) 861-5775, Contact: Secretary; Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, House No. 10, Rd. No. 135, Gulshan-1, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 989-0016, Fax: (880-2) 989-0029, Contact: Chairman

Population, Health and Nutrition

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

(R) 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, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-9006, Fax: (880-2) 861-5741, E-mail: mincom@bdonline.com, Contact: Suhel Ahmed Choudhury, Secretary

(R) State Owned Enterprise and Banking Reform: The objectives of the project are to (a) support a voluntary retirement program for about 90,000 workers losing their jobs at 100 state-owned enterprises (SOEs) that will be closed/privatized in the next two to three years; (b) refurbish abandoned assets of money losing SOEs to support plans for alternative, private use of the facilities; (c) strengthen the Privatization Commission, Board of Investment and Boards of the Export Processing Zones; (d) reengineer one or two of the four nationalized commercial banks to make them more effective, efficient and productive; (e) train and counsel retrenched employees and (f) launch a public awareness campaign in favor of privatization. *Project Concept Document was reviewed on 14 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (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

Public Sector Governance

(R) Development Support (Cr. 3793-BD): (formerly under Social Protection) The objective of the structural adjustment project is to implement the country's poverty reduction strategy as spelled out in the recently completed Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (I-PRSP). Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 June 2003. The credit was signed on 20 June 2003 and became effective on 23 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 81845. US\$ 300.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Fax: (880-2) 811-3088, Contact: Mr. Zakir Ahmed

Rural Development

(R) Water Management Improvement: (formerly under Agriculture) 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: BDPE40712. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Water Development Board, WAPDA Bldg., Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, WMIP, Tel: (880-2) 712-1537, Tel/Fax: (880-2) 712-1540, E-mail: pd-wsip@accesstel.net, Contact: Mr. Giasuddin A. Chowdhury, Project Director

Social Sector

(R) Social Investment Program (Cr. 3740-BD): The objective of the project is to develop financing and institutional arrangements for implementing community-driven social investment programs. This will be done by: (a) strengthening the Social Development Foundation; (b) facilitating local institutional development; (c) implementing community action plans; and (d) promoting pilot private participation in community infrastructure works. Approved by the Executive Directors on 18 March 2003. The credit was signed on 7 April 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: BDPE53578. US\$ 18.2 (IDA). A general procurement notice was published in UN Development Business No. 588 of 16 August 2002. Social Development Foundation, House No. 3, Road 2/A, Banani, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 989-4622, E-mail: mdsdf@bdcom.com, Contact: Mr. M. Hafizuddin Khan, Managing Director

Transportation

(R) 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: BDPE75346. US\$ 184.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Roads and Highways Department, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 956-2829/0598, Fax: (880-2) 956-2798, E-mail: islamsk@rhd-bangladesh.org, Contact: Mr. Rabiul Islam, Chief Engineer

(R) Rural Transport Improvement (Cr. 3791-BD): The project will finance investments in rural areas to (a) contribute to faster and more equitable economic growth; (b) improve local governance; (c) improve access to local and international and rural markets; (d) create an inclusive development process through the use of participatory process in project selection and preparation; (e) increase oppor-

tunities for commercial activities in rural areas; and (f) provide sustainable transport services by focusing on maintenance of rural infrastructure. The project will include (a) improvement and construction of upazila roads, union roads and drainage structures; and (b) improvement of river jetties and selected rural markets. Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 June 2003. The credit was signed on 30 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: BDPE71435. US\$ 190.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Local Government Engineering Department, LGED Bhaban, 7/B Agra-gaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 912-2435, Fax: (880-2) 912-6165, E-mail: rdp11@bdmail.net, Contact: Mr. Mohammed Azizul Haque, Project Director

India

Agriculture

Jharkhand Participatory Forest Management: 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 Concept Document is being prepared. 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

Education

(N) 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 Agriculture Research, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan II, Pusa, New Delhi 110012 India, Tel: (91-11) 2574-7760, Fax: (91-11) 2561-0403, E-mail: jckatyal@icar.lnic.in, Contact: Dr. J. C. Katyal, Deputy Director General

Environment

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: INPE77572. 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 com-

ponents 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: INPE50644. US\$ 105.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Madhya Pradesh State Forest Departments, Village Forestry Institutions, Vallabh Brawan, 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) 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. Javid Chowdhury, Secretary

Population, Health and Nutrition

(R) 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: INPE73651. 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. Prasad Rao, Secretary

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. Project preparation is nearing completion. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: INPE50655. US\$ 100.0 (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. Parmesh Chandra, Principal Secretary, Medical Health and Family Welfare

Public Sector Management

Statistical Strengthening: 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

Social Sector

(R) Chhattisgarh District Rural Poverty (Cr. 3749-IN): 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 April 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: INPE76467. 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

Transport

(R) Allahabad Bypass: The project will complete the last remaining section in the upgrading of National Highway 2 between Delhi and Calcutta. Its objectives are to (a) reduce transport constraints on national economic activity, and (b) improve institutional capabilities to manage road programs, assets and services on a more commercial basis. The project will accomplish this by: (a) adding much needed capacity to heavily congested sections of the national highway network; (b) promoting private sector participation in national highway operations; and (c) enhancing highway planning capacity, user responsiveness and skills for road construction industry management. Negotiations are scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: INPE73776. US\$ 263.0 (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) 2507-1021, 2508-0206/0355, Fax: (91-11) 2507-4100 Ext. 222, E-mail: nhai@vsnl.com, Contact: Mr. R. P. Indoria, General Manager

(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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: INPE50649. 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

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

Transportation

(N) 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. A preparation mission was completed in April 2003, and further 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

Urban Development

(N) Karnataka Urban Sector Reform: The objectives of the project are: (a) to foster the decentralization process among states through improved governance and oversight of local governments, (b) to enhance the accountability and financial soundness of local urban bodies, and c) to 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, MD Bldg., Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore 560, Tel: (91-80) 225-3958, Fax: (91-80) 220-3503, E-mail: psecud@secretariat2.nic.in, Contact: Ms Shamim Banu

(R) Gujarat Urban Reform: The objective of the project is to improve basic urban services of local governments and build their financial management capacity, increasing their creditworthiness. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: INPE73161. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for institutional, environmental and engineering studies. Urban Development and Urban Housing Department, Sachivalaya, 9th Floor Block No. 14, Gandhinagar 382010, Gujarat, India, Tel: (91-7932) 20259, Ext. 6482, Fax: (91-7932) 20981, E-mail: securban@guj.nic.in, Contact: Ms. Sudha Anchalila, Principal Secretary

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

Water and Sanitation

(N) Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation: The objectives of the project are: (a) to increase rural households' access to improved and sustainable drinking water and sanitation services, and (b) to institutionalize decentralization of rural water supply and sanitation service delivery to rural local governments and communities. Negotiations completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73369. US\$ 181.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. 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: INPE82510. US\$ 13.6 (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

Nepal

Education

(N) Community School Support LIL (Cr. 3808-NEP): The objective of the project is to facilitate transfer of public school management to communities with a view to improving service delivery. The LIL aims at improving knowledge about the modalities for government support to community managed schools that enable them to enhance access to and improve quality and efficiency of education. The project will support schools transferred to community management through upfront incentive grants, performance grants and assistance in capacity building and monitoring. Approved by the Executive Directors on 30 June 2003. The credit was scheduled to be signed on 25 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID:82646. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Education, Sanothimi, Bhaktapur, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 663-1075, Fax: (977-1) 663-1972, E-mail: doestat@mos.com.np, Contact: Mr. Satya Bahadur Shrestha, Director General

Education/Training

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 (MOE) 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 MOE 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 Karnia, Member-Secretary

Finance

Financial Sector Technical Assistance (Cr. 3727-NEP): The objective of the project is to restructure and strengthen the supervisory and regulatory capacity of the central bank so that it can perform its role effectively, and to reform the commercial banking sector, with particular focus on the troubled two largest banks, one state owned and the other recently privatized. Effectiveness has been delayed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: NPPE71291. US\$ 16.0 (IDA). Cofinancing of US\$ 10.0 is possible from DFID. Consulting services will be required including a long-term management consultancy to work with the banks. A project preparation facility advance of US\$ 0.6 was approved in 1999. Another US\$ 0.6 PPF was approved in 2002. Nepal Rastra Bank, Bulawatar, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 414-552, Fax: (977-1) 414-533, Contact: Mr. Rajan Singh Bhandari, Executive Director, Banking Operations Department

Power

(R) Power Development (Cr. 3766-NEP, H039-NEP): The objectives of the project are to: (a) develop Nepal's hydropower potential in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner so as to meet domestic electricity demand and to export power to India, when feasible; (b) improve access in rural areas to electricity services; and (c) promote private participation in the power sector as a way to improve power sector efficiency, as well as to mobilize financing for the sector's investment requirements. The project would consist of three components, namely: (a) establishment of a Power Development Fund involving funds from IDA and a technical assistance package for fund administration; (b) support for small micro-hydro schemes for rural village electrification; and (c) improvements in grid transmission and distribution facilities of the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), including technical assistance towards restructuring NEA and upgrading planning and financial management systems. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2003. *The credit and grant were signed on 9 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: NPPA43311. US\$ 50.4/25.2 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Resources, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 422-8046, Fax: (977-1) 422-7536, Contact: Mr. Keshab Bahadur Chand, Secretary

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: spharma@npscnepal.gov.np, shankar@htp.com.np*, Contact: Dr. Shankar Sharma, Chairman

Water Supply/Sanitation

Rural Water Supply & Sanitation II: The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve sector institutional performance and mainstream the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Fund Development Board approach in the government's system; and (b) deliver sustainable health and hygiene benefits to the rural population through improvements in water and sanitation facilities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: NPPE71285. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. 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. Keshab Bahadur Chand, Secretary

Pakistan**Agriculture**

Sindh On-Farm Water Management: 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\$ 49.0 (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

Education/Training

(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 in the fourth week of July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: PKPE77288. US\$ 3.6 (IDA). Co-financing 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: Mr. Arif Majeed, Deputy Educational Adviser and 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

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Partnership for Polio Eradication (Cr. 3761-PAK): The objective of the project is to support the Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI), which seeks to eliminate *Polio* from the country by the end of 2005. This will make a significant contribution to the eradication of polio from the world. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 May 2003. *The credit was signed on 11 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: PKPE81909. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Expanded Program on Immunization, Ministry of Health, National Institute of Health, Chak Shehzad, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 925-5101, Fax: (92-51) 925-5214, E-mail: drrehan@mail.comsats.net.pk, Contact: Dr. Rehan Hafiz, Program Manager, Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)

Population, Health and Nutrition

(R) HIV/AIDS Prevention (Cr. 3776-PAK, H044-PAK): The project will support *Pakistan'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*. Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: PKPE74856. US\$ 27.8/9.3 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services will be required. A general procurement notice and specific requests for expressions of interest were recently published for providing behavior change communication services. 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 Head-

quarters Hospital, Northern Areas, Gilgit, Pakistan, Tel: (92-572) 3690-3368, Contact: Dr. Abdul Latif, Provincial Program Manager

Public Sector Governance

(N) 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)

Public Sector Management

Improvement of Financial Reporting and Auditing II: 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: PKPA76872. 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

Tax Administration Reform: 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. Project preparation is under way. A PCD is to be prepared by June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PIN: PKPE77306. 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

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\$ 200.0 (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

Structural Adjustment

North West Frontier Province Structural Adjustment II: 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

Sindh Structural Adjustment II: 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

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

Transport

Highways Rehabilitation: The objective of the project is the sustainable delivery of a producing and efficient national highway system, contributing to lower transportation costs. Preappraisal is completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: PKPE10556. 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: nraja@nha.gov.pk, Contact: Raja Nowsherwan, Member (Planning)

Water and Sanitation

(N) 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

Education/Training

(R) Improving Relevance and Quality of Undergraduate Education (Cr. 3781-CE): The project aims at improving the institutional capacity and quality of higher education to sustain the country's rate of economic growth. Specifically, the project will support the following objectives: (a) increasing the quality of public tertiary education programs and enhancing the employability of graduates; (b) creating a positive environment for the development of quality private tertiary education institutions; (c) establishing linkages between tertiary institutions and economic growth sectors; and (d) promoting social harmony through core courses. The project includes: (a) management reform; (b) private sector development; (c) financing reform; (d) staff development; (e) institutional development; and (f) a review of curricula in priority disciplines. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2003. *The credit was scheduled to be signed on 24 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: LKPE50741. US\$ 40.3 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Tertiary Education and Training, 475/32, Kotte Rd. Rajagiriya, Sri Lanka, Tel/Fax: (94-1) 883-337, E-mail: vrti@pan-lanka.net, Contact: Saman S. Edirweera, Secretary

Information and Communication

E-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 is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81771. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. ICT Agency

Rural Development

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. US\$ 40.0 (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

Structural Adjustment

(R) Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 3785-CE): The project will support (a) accelerated economic growth, (b) private sector development, (c) strengthening of public sector governance, and (d) improving the welfare system. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 125.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Finance, Secretariat Bldg., Colombo 01, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-1) 431-761, Fax: (94-1) 449-823, Contact: Mr. Charitha Ratwatte, Secretary

Water Supply/Sanitation

(R) Second Community Water Supply and Sanitation (H035-CE): The objective of the project is to increase service coverage and achieve effective and sustained use of water and sanitation services in rural communities in the North West, North East and Central Provinces. This will be achieved by scaling up implementation of a demand-oriented approach and gradually decentralizing the water and sanitation service delivery system. Partner organizations will help create community-based organizations to plan, design and implement the schemes with private sector support. The project will adapt policies, criteria and procedures developed during the Community Water Supply and Sanitation Project to the program approach and introduce enabling reforms for further private sector participation. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 May 2003. The grant was signed on 24 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: LKPE58067. US\$ 39.8 (IDA Grant). Consultants have been recruited for preparation, but additional support will be required during implementation. Ministry of Housing and Plantation Infrastructure, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-1) 862-225, Contact: Mr. W. D. Aillaperuma, Secretary; RWSS Division, Tel: (94-1) 872-144, E-mail: cwssp@sri.lanka.net, Contact: Mr. W. Piyasena, Director

Europe and Central Asia

Albania

Economic Management

(N) Second Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 3811-ALB): The project aims at (a) promoting sustainable growth and supporting private sector development, (b) strengthening capacity to monitor and evaluate the policy agenda, (c) improving service delivery and social safety net effectiveness, and (d) strengthening the policy formulation process, public expenditure management and inter-governmental fiscal relations. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 10*

July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 18.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Deshmoret e Kombit Boulevard, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-42) 28-405, Fax: (355-42) 28-494, Contact: Adriana Berberi, Deputy Minister of Finance

Energy and Mining

(N) 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: (355-4) 234-501, Fax: (355-4) 234-501, E-mail: pmu-ptdp@kesh.com.al, Contact: Mr. Genci Dango, Head of PMU

Environment

Institutional Strengthening and Environmental Cleanup: The main objectives of the project are to foster government commitment to strengthening its environmental policies and institutions and managing 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: ALPE71427. 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. Pelumb Abeshi, Secretary General

Social Sector

(R) Community Works II (Cr. 3805-ALB): The development objective of the project is to alleviate local bottlenecks hindering development (including infrastructure and services) through processes of participatory local development as a result of (a) improving access to quality social and economic infrastructure and social services through sustainable micro-projects, and (b) promoting institutional development at the local level. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: ALPE77297. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting will be required for the project management, advisors, training, beneficiary assessments, and technical audits. Albania Development Fund, Rr. Durrësit, Instituti i Tokave Laprake, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 234-885, Fax: (355-4) 234-885, E-mail: mmit@a-d-f.org, Contact: Maksim Mitroorgji, Executive Director

Water Supply/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. 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@albmail.com, Contact: Mr. Ndririm Shani, Director

Armenia

Education

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. Project preparation is under way. 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

Structural Adjustment

Public Sector Modernization: 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: AMPE60786. 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 Supply/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: AMPE63398. 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

Agriculture

(R) Irrigation Distribution System and Management Improvement (Cr. 3789-AZ): 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: AZPE8286. 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

Education/Training

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: AZPE70989. 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

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: AZPE66199. 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

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. 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 Sector

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: AZPE49892. 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: (944-12) 939-472, E-mail: mlspp@azerin.com, Contact: Mr. Yashar Ganzayev, Grant Implementation Coordinator.

Belarus

Population, Health and Nutrition

(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 ten-

tatively scheduled for *mid-August 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: BYPE72404. 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

Environment

(R) Forest Development and Conservation Technical Assistance (Cr. 3779-BOS): The objective of the project is to assist with the implementation of mandated reforms in forest organization and management, which are expected to lead to better forest management, increased revenues from forest resources, and participatory approaches in forest land use planning through pilot learning activities. In addition, the project is expected to improve ownership of the reform process at the canton level. Although the two entities (Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Federation); and Republika Srpska (RS)) are at different stages of readiness to implement the reforms, the project will be active in both of them, to ensure that the reform momentum developed under the closed Forest Project is maintained. Importantly, the lessons of institutional reform developed under the project could also be relevant for other sectors. Approved by the Executive Directors 10 June 2003. *The credit was signed on 7 July 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79161. US\$ 3.7 (IDA). Consultants have been selected. Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Forestry, For the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Podgaj 8, Sarajevo, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel/Fax: (387-33) 213-098, E-mail: piumsum@bih.net.ba; Contact: Mr. Alojz Dundjer, Director, Project Implementation Unit (Bosnian Federation). For Republika Srpska; Kralja Petra I Karadordevica, No. 135, 137, Banja Luka, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel/Fax: (387-51) 319-675, E-mail: piussume@inecco.net; Contact: Mr. Zeljko Stojanovic, Director, Project Implementation Unit (Republika Srpska)

Public Sector Governance

(N) 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 71039. US\$ 51.0 (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 Sector

(R) Social Insurance Technical Assistance (Cr. 3778-BOS): The objective of the project is to improve public sector efficiency in social services areas by bolstering the capacity of relevant institutions to develop policy options in selected areas, and strengthening the management practices, policy analysis, information systems, and technical capacity of the Federal Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republika Srpska and the institutions administering health insurance and pensions. Approved by the Executive Directors 10 June 2003. *The credit was signed on 7 July 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 71004. US\$ 7.0 (IDA). Technical Assistance from a Japan PHRD grant is assisting the government in preparing the project. For the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Project Management Unit, Ministry of Health, Trg Heroja 14, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 203-349, Fax: (387-33) 203-478, E-mail: bhp@bih.net.ba, Contact: Mr. Ibrahim Ramic, PMU Director; for Republika Srpska: Project Coordination Unit, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Kralja Petra Prvog Karadjordjevic 133, 78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 319-161/2, Fax: (387-51) 319-168, E-mail: moh.pcu@inecco.net, Contact: Mr. Gordam Jelic, PCU Director

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 are tentatively scheduled for October 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: BAPE70992. 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

Agriculture

Forest Development: 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. PID: BGPE33964. 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

Environment

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: BGPE75560 US\$ 3.6 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Svilosa AD, Svilosa AD, Sofia, Bulgaria, Contact: Kraimer Dachev, President

Power

(R) District Heating (Ln. 4703-BUL, Ln. 4704-BUL): The objective of the project is to rehabilitate heating systems in Sofia and Pernik. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 34.2 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Toplofikacia Sofia, 23, Yastrebetz St., 1680 Sofia, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 958-1057, Fax: (359-2) 958-1264, E-mail: dstanev@solo.bg, Contact: Mr. Doncho Stanev, Project Manager, Sofia; Toplofikacia Pernik, 1, St. Ivan Rilski Square, 2300 Pernik, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-76) 602-830, Fax: (359-76) 602-840, E-mail: mpk_iz@dimont.com, Contact: Ms. Gergana Koleva, Project Manager, Pernik; Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources, 8 Triaditza St., 1040 Sofia, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 983-5723, E-mail: Lubka@doe.bg, Contact: Ms. Lubka Georgieva, Chief, District Heating Department

Public Sector Governance

(N) 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

Public Sector Management

Revenue Administration Reform (Ln. 4999-BUL): The objective of the project is to establish an economically efficient public revenue collection system that facilitates private sector development and complies with requirements for EU accession. The project would seek to achieve this objective through comprehensive reform aimed at maximizing voluntary compliance, promoting increased effectiveness and efficiency, establishing a professional workforce, combating corruption, and improving equity and fairness in the administration of the tax and social collection system, while reducing the taxpayer/contributor compliance burden. A new activity, a public relations campaign, has been proposed and would be financed by reallocation of grant resources. Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: BGPE73427. US\$ 34.2 (IBRD). Consultants are under contract for all components. Ministry of Finance, 102 Rakovski St., 1040 Sofia, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 9859-3005, Fax: (359-2) 9870-1995, Contact: Ms. Maria Murgina, Deputy General Tax Director

Croatia

Energy and Mining

(N) Energy Efficiency: The objectives of the project are: (a) to promote energy efficiency projects; (b) to establish a utility-based energy service to develop and aggregate capital for such projects; and (c) to develop the knowledge and mechanisms necessary for financiers to fund them. Appraisal is under way. 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

Power

Renewable Energy Resources: 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. 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 by focusing assistance on a package of elements critical for the commercialization of research and development (R&D) for the benefit of the national economy. The support will include: (a) restructuring of the existing R&D institutions, (b) developing technology centers and technoparks, (c) promoting venture capital system, (d) upgrading technology capabilities of enterprises and (e) strengthening technology institutions. Preappraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: HRPE80258. US\$ 34.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. 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

Reconstruction/Rehabilitation

Social and Economic Recovery: 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: HRPE076730 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

Transport

(R) Rijeka Gateway (Lns. 4714-HR, 4715-HR, 4716-HR): The objective of the project is to increase trade competitiveness by transforming the port of Rijeka into a modern, efficient transport facility less dependent on government subsidies. Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: HRPE43195. US\$ 156.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Port of Rijeka Authority (PRA), Riva 1 St., Rijeka 51 000, Tel: (385-51) 212-974, Fax: (385-51) 213-112, E-mail: lucka-uprava-ri@ritel.hr, Contact: Mr. Bojan Hlaca, Director General; Croatian Roads (HC), Voncina 3 St., Zagreb 10001, Tel: (385-1) 472-2580, Fax: (385-1) 472-2581, E-mail: zvonimir.nagy@hc.tel.hr, Contact: Mr. Vladimir Bizjak, President of the Management Board; Croatian Motorways (HAC), Voncina St., Zagreb 10001, Tel: (385-1) 469-4400, Fax: (385-1) 469-4500, E-mail: stanko.kovac@hac.hr, Contact: Mr. Stanko Kovac, President of the Management Board

Water Supply/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: HRPE65416. 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: mkolaric@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.

Georgia

Structural Adjustment

Structural Adjustment IV: The project will focus on fiscal reforms agreed with the borrower and will be built on the recommendations of the findings of a Public Expenditure Review. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 70, Ir. Abashidze str., 380062, Tbilisi, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 226-806, Fax: (995-32) 221-754, Contact: Mr. Mirian Gogiasvili, Minister

Water Supply/Sanitation

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. Negotiations have been delayed because of changes in project design. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: GEPA49171. 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., Tbil-

isi, 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

(N) 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-Karapanca Region. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74971. US\$ 7.5 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Budapest, Fax: (36-1) 327-1811, Contact: Attila Pocs, Head, PMU; Municipality of Dunaujváros, E-mail: nemesne@dunaujvaros.hu, Contact: Erika Nemes, Head, PMU; Gemenc National Park, Contact: Gyozo Buzetsky, Head

Kazakhstan

Agriculture

Agricultural Competitiveness: 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: KZPE 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.

Environment

(R) Drylands Management: The objective of the project is to demonstrate and promote sustainable land uses in the marginal dry-land 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. In support of this objective, the project, with active participation of local communities, will assist the government to: a) develop sustainable land use systems; b) promote income generating activities; c) improve national capacity to quantify carbon sequestration and d) undertake a broad public awareness campaign and develop a strategy so that project interventions could be replicated in similar areas of the country and elsewhere in Central Asia. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: KZPE71525. 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: KZPE59803. 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

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) 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\$ 35.0/5.0 (IBRD/GEF). 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

Water Supply/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.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: KZPE70008. 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

Education

Education Participation Improvement (H036-KOS): The objective of the project is to improve children's access and educational attainment at primary and secondary levels. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 May 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.5 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Science & Technology, Mother Tereza St., Eximkos Bldg., Room 406, Prishtina, Kosovo, Tel: (377-44) 207-781, E-mail: deroquefeuil@un.org, Contact: Alexis De Roquefeuil

Energy and Mining

(N) 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

(R) 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: XKPE78380. 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 was tentatively scheduled for late July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 79259. US\$ 4.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. 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

(R) 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: KGPE74881. 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 project has two primary objectives. The first is to help alleviate rural poverty through the promotion of rural non-farm employment and income generating investments that will be demand-driven and implemented by rural people themselves. The second is to support the country's policy of administrative decentralization and devolution of responsibilities to local governments (aiyl okmotus) and to help develop their capacity to manage financial resources and to plan, implement and manage local investments. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 12.0 (IDA) Consulting services to be determined. Prime Minister's Administration, VIP Project Population Unit, 96 A Kierskaya St., Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 223-583, Fax: (996-312) 660-409, Contact: Ms. Elmira Ibraimora, PPU Director

Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of

Education/Training

(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 is scheduled for early September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: MKPE66157. 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

(N) Public Sector Management Adjustment: The objective of the project is to support reforms in central government budget formu-

lation 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. 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

Agriculture

Agricultural Pollution Control: 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. 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

Population, Health and Nutrition

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. Specifically, the project will support the National Programme for Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS/STIs (NPAS) and National Programme for TB Control (NPTC) through: (a) scaling up HIV/AIDS/STIs prevention programs targeted at high-risk groups as well as the general population; (b) strengthening treatment, care and support for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA); (c) implementing DOTS strategy for TB control; and (d) strengthening Moldova's institutional capacity to better respond to HIV/AIDS/STIs and TB using a multi-sectoral approach. Approved by the Executive Directors 10 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: MDPE74122. 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

Power

(R) Energy II: 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 is scheduled for *10 October 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: MDPE40558. 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

Public Sector Governance

(N) Public Financial Management: 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. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Cofinancing is being negotiated with the EU for up to US\$ 6.0. Con-

sultants 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

(N) 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. 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, dtscentrutin@mdl.net, Contacts: Mr. Sergiu Cornetski, General Director, Mrs. Liliana Palihovich, Head, Youth Division

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. Preparation mission was in the field in mid-June 2003. 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

Water and Sanitation

(N) 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. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Poland

Energy and Mining

(N) Krakow 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

Agriculture

(R) Irrigation Rehabilitation and Reform: 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. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 31 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: ROPA43881. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. 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.

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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 12 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: ROPE81406 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

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. PID: ROPE75163/81950. 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

Structural Adjustment

(R) Programmatic Adjustment: The loan 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. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency is to be determined.

Russian Federation

Education

(N) 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, affordable 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 were scheduled for July/August 2003. Technical discussions are completed and minutes of the discussions have been signed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75387. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. 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

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: RUGE71473. 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

Population, Health and Nutrition

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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 18 March 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: RUPE46497. 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

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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 April 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: RUPE64237. 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

Russian Federation

Public Sector Management

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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 April 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: RUPE72960. 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: RUPE078420. 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 Rumiantssev, Director

Social Protection

(N) Child Welfare Development: The objective of the project is 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. @Body: US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Labor and Social Development, Contact: Mr. A. P. Pochinok, Minister

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. 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

(N) 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. US\$ 22.0 (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

(N) 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. 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

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) 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. Project appraisal is under way. 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

Finance

(R) Second Private and Financial Sector Adjustment (Cr. 3780-YF): (formerly under Private Sector Development) The objective of the project is to assist in implementing regulatory, institutional and structural reforms to accelerate significantly private sector-led growth through: a) improving the business environment by means of comprehensive reform of enterprise entry, operation and exit, b) strengthening the financial system by privatizing or liquidating majority state-owned banks and improving the environment under which banks and other financial intermediaries operate, and c) privatizing and restructuring socially-owned enterprises that crowd out private sector growth, hamper banking sector recovery and incur significant costs. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: YFPE74868. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economy of Serbia, E-mail: veljovic@hotmail.com, Contact: Ms. Katarina Veljovic

Population, Health and Nutrition

(R) Health (Cr. 3768-YF): The objective of the project is to improve the health sector with focus on the areas of its four components: (a) health information systems, (b) public health, (c) reform of the delivery system, and (d) health insurance financing reform. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2003. *The credit was signed on 13 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for work on: (a) health information systems, (b) public health, (c) health financing, (d) preparation of a facilities based master plan, (e) establishing licensing and accreditation criteria for health facilities and medical educational institutions, (f) preparation of a human resources strategy and labor adjustment program, (g) support to the project preparation unit, and (h) grant audit. Ministry of Health of Serbia, Nemanjina 22-26, 5th Floor, Belgrade, Tel: (381-11) 361-6251, Contact: Ivan Jovanovic, Assistant Minister of Health

Public Sector Management

Public Expenditure Capacity Building: The objective of the project is to build Serbia's capacity to manage and expend public funds in an efficient, accountable and transparent fashion. The project will concentrate on system development and implementation, staff training and policy advice in the Treasury system (core deliverable), debt management, public procurement and anticorruption. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B.

US\$ 14.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Nemanjina 22-26, Belgrade, Serbia, FR of Yugoslavia, Fax: (381-11) 361-6535, E-mail: bdjelic@mfin.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Bozidar Djelic, Minister

Real Estate Cadastre and Registration: While the new federation of Serbia and Montenegro will be the official borrower for the project, the project's scope will only cover the Republic of Serbia. As such, a sub-credit agreement will be made between SAM and Republic of Serbia. The development objective for the proposed project is to build more efficient land registration and cadastre systems, with the purpose of contributing to the development of efficient real property markets. This will be achieved by improving the real estate cadastre and registration system operated by the Governmental Geodetic Authority (GGA) and its regional cadastre centers and local cadastre offices. More specifically, the project will support the phased transfer of the real property registration system — currently operating in the municipal courts — into GGA, as stipulated in the Law on State Land Survey, Cadastre, and Registration of Real Estate Rights of 1992 (SSCR law), amended in 2002. This project will support the implementation of many parts of the SSCR law, including establishing a one-stop-shop or window for real property registration and cadastre services, and providing access to this information for civil society and government. Cofinancing needs are being assessed with donor interest being gauged at present. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: YFPE78311 US\$ 8.0 (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

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. *Negotiations completed.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 65954. US\$ 62.9 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. 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. *Negotiations completed.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82879. US\$ 12.4 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Libova 2, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, Tel: (421-2) 5937-3275, Fax: (421-2) 5937-3167, Contact: Jan Kralik

Power

(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. *Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for 15 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category A. 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

Public Sector Management

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 of government operations. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: SKPE69864. 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 and the introduction of multi-annual budgeting; (b) strengthening the macroeconomic capacity of the Ministry of Finance; (c) support for the establishment of the debt management agency, the management of contingent liabilities and training in support of the new State Treasury; and (d) resident adviser for coordination of the reforms and project implementation. Ministry of Finance, _tefanovicova 5, 817 82 Bratislava 15, Slovak Republic, Tel: (421-2) 5958-2350/51, Fax: (421-2) 5958-2360, E-mail: pochotnickym@mfssr.sk, Contact: Mr Pavol Ochotnick_, Project Coordinator

Tajikistan

Education/Training

(R) Education Modernization (Cr. 3759-TJ, H037-TJ): The objective of the project is to stabilize and improve the education system by revising the curricula for grades 1-5 and strengthening management. The project will finance grants to schools, printing of text books and development of in-service teacher training. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 May 2003. *The credit and grant were signed on 11 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: TJPE69055. US\$ 13.0/7.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Project Implementation Unit, Tel: (992-372) 230-718, 216-859, Fax: (992-372) 217-973, E-mail: office@piue.tajikistan.com, Contact: Mr. Farroukh Khamraliev, Acting Director

Environment

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. PID: TJPE77454, TJGE81159. 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. *Board presentation is scheduled for 4 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). A borrower-executed PHRD grant for US\$ 0.5 was approved on 27 March 2000. Consulting services to be determined. 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/Training

(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: TRPE66149. 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

Environment

(R) Anatolia Watershed Rehabilitation: The objective of the project is to support sustainable natural resource management and poverty reduction in degraded watersheds in Anatolia and along the Black Sea Coast. This would be achieved by: (a) improving the productivity of range, forest and farmland; (b) promoting increased income from more intensive farm activities to replace the traditional over-exploitation of natural resources; (c) encouraging responsibility of local communities in planning and management of shared resources; (d) increasing the use of environmentally friendly agricultural practices, thereby reducing nutrient discharge, particularly from agricultural sources, to the Black Sea; (e) strengthening national policy and local regulatory capacity to meet European Union standards for agricultural nutrient pollution control; and (f) building capacity and promoting a broad public awareness program and replication strategy. The project will be executed in the Anatolia watersheds of Seyhan (Adana, Kayseri and Nigde provinces), Ceyhan (Kahramanmaraş, Adana and Osmaniye provinces), and Goksu (Mersin, Konya and Karaman provinces), and in two watersheds discharging significant amounts of nutrients into the Black Sea: Kizilirmak (Kayseri, Sivas and Tokat provinces) and Yesilirmak (Sivas, Tokat, Amasya and Corum provinces). It is estimated that in these watersheds about 55 microcatchments (subwatersheds) can be rehabilitated with the proposed funding. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: TRPE7095094/75094. US\$ 36.6/6.0 (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 Koksak, 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

(R) 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: TRPE82996. US\$ 900.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for preparation and supervision of selected components. Undersecretariat of Treasury, Inonu Bulvari 36, 06510 Emek, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-6873, Fax: (90-312) 212-8550, E-mail:

ersen.ekren@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Ersen Ekren, General Director, General Directorate of External Economic Relations

Power

(R) Renewable Energy: 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 expected to be completed by 30 September 2003. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for 6 April 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: TRPE72480. US\$ 205.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MENR), Inonu Bulvarı 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 - Türkiye Sınai Kalkınma Bankası), 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 - Türkiye Kalkınma Bankası), Necatibey Caddesi No. 98, Bakanlıklar 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

Public Sector Management

(R) 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. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Undersecretariat of Treasury, Inonu Bulvarı, Eskisehir Yolu, Emek, 06530, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-6873, Fax: (90-312) 212-8737, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Arif Erden, General Director of External Relations

Urban Development

(R) National Community Development and Heritage: The project will (a) demonstrate ways of upgrading and integrating archaeological and historical sites into the local economy; and (b) increase capacity for heritage conservation within community and urban planning frameworks. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: TRPE58480. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Culture, Atatürk Bulvarı No. 29, 06050 Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 211-206; Fax: (90-312) 3244197; E-mail: fusun.ersoy@kultur.gov.tr, Undersecretary Mustafa Isen/Ms. Fusun Ersoy

Ukraine

Infrastructure

E-Development (Ln. 4692-UA): 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: UAPE74885. 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

(N) Modernization of the Statistical System: 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. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76338. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation of a statistics master plan, 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

Public Sector Management

(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. The program will include: a) further program-supported reforms in intergovernmental and municipal finance to create incentives for municipalities to better manage their fiscal affairs; b) local governance capacity building for strategic planning, budgeting and project management; c) development of Municipal Development Fund as a non-financial intermediary entity to manage program implementation d) assistance to municipalities to help them prepare to borrow and to strengthen their capacity to repay loans and e) assistance to commercial banks to help them prepare to conduct credit assessment of municipalities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: UKPE56806. 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 Mezhygirska 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, Contacts: Mr. Fedir Yaroshenko, State Secretary, Mr. Serhiy Manokha, Deputy State Secretary

(R) 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 were scheduled for the last week of July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, 12/2, M. Hrushevskoho St., Kiev 01008, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 293-7466, Fax: (380-44) 293-8243, E-mail: infomf@minfin.gov.ua, Contact: Oleksandr Shlapak, Minister of Economic Reform and European Integration

(R) 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: UAPA35777. 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

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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: UAPE57815. 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

Rural Development

(R) 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 micro-finance 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: UAPE76553. 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: info@minfin.gov.ua, Contact: Ms. Natalya Konovalenoro, Head, MU-RFP

Uzbekistan

Public Sector Management

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: UZPE70084. 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 Supply/Sanitation

(R) Drainage, Irrigation and Wetlands Improvement Phase I (Ln. 4707-UZ, Cr. 3796-UZ): (formerly Drainage) 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: UZPE9127. 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

(R) 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 FY04. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: UZPE57903. 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

Infrastructure

ICT Development Support: 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

Social Sector

(R) Rural Employment 2 (Ln. 7168-AL): The objective of the project is to generate and stimulate direct and indirect employment in poor rural areas. This project builds on the successful and ongoing first Rural Employment Project. It expands interventions eastward, targeting the impoverished mountainous zones. The instruments to be used to reach the objective are labor intensive methods of creating assets with short- and long-term impact through (a) erosion control (e.g., reforestation and flood control structures); (b) agricultural development (e.g., planting fruit trees and clearing land); (c) mobilization of water resources (e.g., management of springs and watering points); and (d) capacity development in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in the decentralized project implementation administration and among beneficiaries, emphasizing participatory development approaches, which have proved critical to the success in the ongoing project. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 April 2003. Loan signing was expected in late July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: DZPE76784. US\$ 95.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Parc Zoologique, Ben Aknoun, Alger, Algérie, Tel: (213-21) 915-316, Fax: (213-21) 915-317, Contact: M. Salah Bourahla, Director General of Forestry

Social Sectors Technical Assistance: 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 experience 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

Djibouti

Population, Health and Nutrition

(R) HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis Control (HO42-DJI): The project is part of the multi-country AIDS program for Africa and complements others in the horn of Africa such as those recently approved for Ethiopia and Eritrea. The objective of the project is to increase access to programs of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment with emphasis on high-risk and vulnerable groups. The project will also include development of community action programs to take an increasing role in HIV/AIDS information dissemination and provision of basic care and treatment. It will use a multi-sectoral approach, including several ministries that have jurisdiction with vulnerable groups (Defense, Education, Social Affairs, Interior, Youth and Sports). Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 May 2003. The grant was signed on 25 June 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: DJPE65790. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, BP 2235, Djibouti Tel: (253) 353-282, Fax: (253) 352-138, Contact: Mr. Ali Sillay, Directeur des projets (UGP)

Egypt

Education

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 is 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

Education/Training

Skills Development: 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. Board presentation was scheduled for 22 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: EGPE49702. 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: azawahry@ie-eg.com

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 imple-

mentation. 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

Infrastructure

(R) Urban Upgrading and Housing Reform Program: (formerly Low Income Housing) 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-served 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: IRPE73433. 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.

Urban Development

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. 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

Water Supply/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. Elahipanah, PMU Director

Jordan

Power

Samra First Private 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. Financing alternatives are being considered. Environmental Assessment Category A. 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

Lebanon

Urban Development

Cultural Heritage and Urban Development (Ln. 7166-LE): The project will finance (a) priority site conservation and enhancement

investments and associated urban infrastructure improvements in the selected sites of Baalbeck, Byblos, Saida, Tripoli and Tyre, and (b) technical assistance services to strengthen the capacity of the Directorate General of Antiquities (DGA), the Directorate General of Urban Planning (DGU), and target municipalities in cultural heritage preservation and tourism development. The project components include: (a) cultural heritage preservation; (b) site operation and visitor management; (c) conservation of Saida and Tripoli historic old towns; (d) Urban regeneration and infrastructure improvements; and (e) capacity building in cultural heritage preservation and cultural tourism development. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 April 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: LBPE50529. US\$ 31.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. It was agreed that US\$ 3.2 in retroactive financing would be available for the 12 months preceding loan signing for all components. Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), Talet El Serail, PO Box 116-5351, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 981-373/4/5/6, Fax: (961-1) 864-494, Contact: Dr. Wafa Sharaf el Dine, Project Manager

Morocco

Agriculture

(R) Rainfed Agriculture Development: The overriding goal 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: MAPE69124. 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. Benmakhoulouf, Director of Land Development

Education/Training

Education Reform: The project will implement reforms in basic education. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: MAPE43412. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de l'éducation nationale et de la jeunesse, Bab Rouah, Rabat, Maroc, Tel: (212-37) 681-509, Fax: (212-37) 772-042, E-mail: lamrini@men.gov.ma, Contact: Mr. Ahmed Lamrini, Secrétaire générale, MENJ

Public Sector Management

(R) Asset Management Reform (Ln. 4700-MOR): The project will support the government's use of established norms and strategic criteria to manage real property assets (public lands and buildings). Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 June 2003. *The loan was signed on 18 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Direction des domaines, Ministère de l'économie et des finances, Quartier administratif, Rabat, Maroc, Tel: (212-7) 77-11-72, Fax: (212-7) 77-92-82, Contact: Mr. A. Chaou-Roqai

Rural Development

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. 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

Tunisia

Education/Training

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: TNPE75809. 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 Zaïem, Président de la commission chargée de la préparation du projet d'appui à la réforme de l'enseignement supérieur II

Private Sector Development

(R) 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 Znaidi

West Bank and Gaza

Health, Nutrition and Population

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. 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

Infrastructure

Emergency Water: 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. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. 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: pwaibb@planet.com, Contact: Dr. Ihab Barghothi, Project Director

Population, Health and Nutrition

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. Project preparation is under way. Appraisal was scheduled for May 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: XOPE64988. 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, Project Implementation Unit

Water Supply/Sanitation

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: XOPE65920. 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

Infrastructure

(R) Port Cities Development: The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen local government strategic, financial and physical planning and coordination capabilities to utilize existing assets and resources better; (b) streamline administrative procedures related to private sector activity; and (c) improve access to and reliability of selected infrastructure facilities and services in the Governorate of Aden. *The credit was signed on 29 January 2003, with effectiveness delayed until 11 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: RYPE65111. US\$ 23.4 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and Development, Tel: (967-1) 250-117, Fax: (967-1) 250-109, Contact: Mr. Abdub Rahman Tarmoom, Vice Minister

Social Sector

Third Social Fund for Development (SFD III): 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. This support will continue to use the SFD mechanism and its participatory approaches in identifying, implementing and operating these activities. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. 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 Supply/Sanitation

(R) 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 is scheduled for *October 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: RYPE74413. 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. Fared Mujawar, Deputy Minister

(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. *Signing is scheduled for 3 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: YEPE64981. US\$ 24.0 (IDA). The second phase of preparation studies has started for (a) supply management, (b) demand management, (c) institutional and social development, and (d) information and public awareness campaign design. Consulting services have been engaged. National Water Resources Authority (NWRA), 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, NWRA

Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina

Health, Nutrition and Population

(N) Health Sector Adjustment Loan: The proposed loan will support key public health programs and a series of initial health reform steps taken by the new Government including: (i) strengthening the Federal - Provincial health policy coordination capacity through the Consejo Federal de Salud (COFESA); (ii) start up of the maternal and child health insurance in the most needy provinces in the country as a way of addressing urgent needs of this segment of the population while simultaneously changing the incentive framework for the provinces and provincial providers through separation of purchasing and provision and through strengthening strategic purchasing of health services at the provincial level; (iii) protecting priority public health programs such as HIV/AIDS, vaccination and others; (iv) strengthening consumer protection on quality of pharmaceuticals; and (v) consolidating the efforts to strengthen the regulatory framework of the social health insurance system supported by previous Bank operations, which aimed to protect social security participants and to reduce leakage of scarce public subsidies away from the uninsured poor. 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

Industry

Mining Decontamination: 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: ARPE57124. 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

Public Sector Management

Reform of Justice System: The project will support many of the recommendations made through a national dialogue process ("Mesa de Dialogo") on legal and judicial reform. Specifically, the project will promote legal awareness by strengthening legal education, build the legal drafting capacity of the Subsecretary of Legislative Affairs, improve access to justice, and study techniques to improve the efficacy of public interest law. Project preparation is under way with a PPF advance of US\$ 1.5. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: ARPE55479. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Justice, Sarmiento 329, 3er Piso, Edif. Anexo, Buenos Aires, Capital Federal, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4327-5039, 4326-1103, Contact: Andrea Sarra, Technical Director, ProJus

Water Supply/Sanitation

Urban Drainage Infrastructure and Management: The proposed program has an investment component 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, Argentina 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: ARPE57453. 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. Hipólito Yrigoyen 250, Piso 11, Oficina 1110, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel/Fax: (54-11) 4343-7550/7548, Contact: Juan Carlos Gimenez, Project Coordinator

Belize

Education/Training

(R) Education Sector Improvement: The major 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: BZPE6106. US\$ 12.4 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Belmopan, Belize, Tel: (501-2) 32062, Fax: (501-2) 31762, E-mail: moeproject@btel.net, Contact: Ernest Raymond, Project Coordinator

Bolivia

Energy and Mining

(R) Decentralized Infrastructure for Rural Transformation (Cr. 3788-BO): The objective of the project is to expand and improve the delivery of infrastructure services through private-sector-led mechanisms as a catalyst for the development of rural areas. The first phase will focus on the electricity and information and communication technologies (ICT) sectors and will concentrate on the following activities: (a) increasing access to rural infrastructure services in the project areas by using innovative, output-based, decentralized service delivery models with increased private-sector participation and community involvement; (b) defining and implementing improvements in policy, regulatory and institutional frameworks, and strengthening of the respective key institutions; (c) identification and development of applications for productive and social use of electricity and ICT; (d) intensive promotion, including market development and training of local users, service providers and authorities; and (e) intensive monitoring and evaluation programs. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003. The credit was signed on 23 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73367. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Services and Public Works, Palacio de Comunicaciones, 5^o Piso, Av. Mariscal Santa Cruz, esq., Oruro, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 231-3291, Fax: (591-2) 212-4994, Contact: Sr. Ricardo Torres, Project Coordinator

Social Protection

(R) Social Safety Net Structural Adjustment (Cr. 3787-BO): The program is structured to sustain and, where appropriate, advance the major reform initiatives of this government and its predecessors in the social sectors in the areas of (a) social protection (workfare), decentralization and municipal development; (b) mother and child insurance, and health program decentralization; (c) education reform and the expansion of primary education; and (d) national budget management for increasing social sector expenditures and their counter cyclical content. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003. The credit was signed on 23 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: BOPE82700. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). *Consulting services will not be required.* Ministry of Finance, Palacio de Comunicaciones, Piso 19, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (5912) 239-2779, 239-2220, 231-6042, Fax: (5912) 235-9955, Contact: Lic. Javier Comboni Salinas, Ministro

Structural Adjustment

(R) Decentralization Programmatic Structural Adjustment II (Ln. 3786-BO): The project aims at: a) establishing conditions for stimulating the generation of local resources, b) increasing local expenditure autonomy, c) strengthening constraints on borrowing and thus improving upon the debt restructuring measures adopted as part of the first PSAC through market mechanisms to further the emergence of the country's nascent subnational credit market and d) putting in place key measures to enhance the transparency of local finances. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2003. The credit was signed on 23 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: BOPE81402. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). *Consulting services will not be required.* Ministerio de Hacienda, Palacio de Comunicaciones, Piso 11, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 231-6169/4761, Fax: (591-2) 231-7408, E-mail: rcamacho@vipfe.gov.bo, Contact: Lic. Roberto Camacho, Viceministro de Inversión Pública y Financiamiento Externo

Brazil

Education

(N) Pernambuco Integrated Development and Education Quality Improvement: The development objectives of the project are: (a) to improve the quality, efficiency and inclusiveness of the public education system; (b) to 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) to support the overall state modernization effort. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for 12

August 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

(N) 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 early August 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

Education/Training

(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. *The project was approved — following APL procedures — on 30 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: BRPE70827. 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, 8o Andar - Gabinete, CEP 70047-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 410-9670, Fax: (55-61) 410-9233, Contact: Anaci Bispo Paim, Secretary

(R) Higher Education Improvement: The main objective of the project is to increase access to tertiary education and to 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 governments policy priorities. Project processing is on hold. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: BRPE65527. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Secretariat of Higher Education (SESU), Esplanada dos Ministerios, Bl. 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*

Environment

(R) 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

Population, Health and Nutrition

(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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 June 2003. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: BRPE80400. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Health of Brazil, SEP/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 (Ln. 7182-BR): 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 12 June 2003. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: BRPE54119. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariat of Health, Bahia, Ave. Luís 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

Power

(R) Energy Sector Technical Assistance (Ln. 4780-BR): (*formerly Energy Sector Reform Technical Assistance*) 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: BRPE76977. US\$ 12.1 (IBRD). No consultants are required for project preparation. Secretariat of Energy, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Esplanada dos Ministerios, 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

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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 12 June 2003. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for 31 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 70641. US\$ 404.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministério da Fazenda, Esplanada dos Ministerios, 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 Ministerios, 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

Public Sector Management

Municipal Pension Reform (Ln. 4673-BR): 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 under-

standing 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 25 July 2002. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for late July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: BRPE74777. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consultant services will be required. Ministry of Social Security and Social Assistance, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco F, 7 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

Rural Development

(N) Rural Poverty Reduction—Tocantins: The project would 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

(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 were tentatively scheduled for late July/early August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: BRPE74083. 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 Cincinnati Pinto, 348, 2o Andar Centro, CEP 57020-050 Maceió, AL, Brazil, Tel: (55-82) 315-1377, Fax: (55-82) 315-1373, Contact: Dr. Jose Klingler, Director Presidente

(R) Rural Poverty Reduction-Minas Gerais: The project would 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 are tentatively scheduled for September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: BRPE52256. 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 (SEPLAN), R. Bernardo Guimarães, 2.731, 4o 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. The project will include components aiming at: (a) strengthening institutional capacity for rural infrastructure management, and participative local and regional development planning; (b) delineating the economic-ecological zones in targeted regions and further developing environmental protection and monitoring capacity; and (c) improving management of the state and local road networks as well as selected high-priority municipal access roads and state feeder roads to link areas with proven sustainable economic potential to the main road network. *Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: BRPE60573. US\$ 50.0 (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

Transport

State Highway Management III: The project would 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 currently on hold. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: BRPE6523. 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) Recife Urban Upgrading (Ln. 4690-BR): The objective of the project is to improve the well being of the urban poor in the Recife Metropolitan Region by increasing the institutional capacity of public (state and local), private and civic entities to plan for, deliver and maintain basic shelter and urban services for the low-income population in a coordinated and sustainable manner. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 April 2003. *Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for 23 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: BRPE49265. US\$ 46.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined, but currently taking expressions of interest for project management consultancy. Fundação de Desenvolvimento Municipal (FIDEM), Rua das Ninfas 65, Boa Vista, CEP 50070-050, Recife, PE, Brazil, Tel: (55-81) 3303-5265, Fax: (55-81) 3222-0793, E-mail: idpresi@fisepe.pe.gov.br, Contact: Barbara Kreuzig, Project Coordinator

(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 September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76924. US\$ 12.5 (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: BRPE82117. US\$ 174.8 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Prefeitura de Curitiba, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano de Curitiba (IPPUC), 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 Supply/Sanitation

(R) 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 component, 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 not yet scheduled.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: BRPE78312. 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

(R) 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. The proposed project will be delivered in a fully consultative way, with municipal and community stakeholders making informed decisions throughout the planning and investment sub-project cycle. The project will be based on phased approach to integrated sanitation investment, with the promotion of innovative service delivery management models, efficient subprojects and appropriate technology. *Negotiations are not yet scheduled.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: BRPA60555. 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

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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 12 December 2002. Loan signing was scheduled for 15 July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: BRPE78310. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. CAIXA Econômica Federal, Superintendência de Saneamento e Infra-estrutura, SBS, Quadra 4, Lotes 3 e 4 Matriz, 20 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: Rogerio Tavares, Manager, Manager

Chile

Education

(R) Science for the Knowledge Economy (Ln. 7172-CH): The objective of the project is to support the development of an effective innovation system by (a) establishing a strong and coherent policy framework, promoting high-quality and relevant science and technology activities and supporting key interfaces in the innovation system, especially between the public and private sector as well as international linkages; and (b) improve the stock of advanced human capital. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2003. *Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for 5 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77282. US\$ 25.3 (IBRD). *Consultants have been hired.* National Commission for Science and Technology,

Canada 308, Providencia Santiago, Chile, Tel: Tel (56-2) 655-1389, Fax: (56-2) 655-1395, E-mail: secrepriv@conicyt.cl, Contact: Dr. Eric Goles, President

Social Sector

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, Teatinos 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, including 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, Teatinos 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

(N) Cundinamarca Education Quality Improvement: The project would contribute to current policies and strategies of the Department of Cundinamarca by focusing support on the poor through targeting both the poorest municipalities in the Department and those schools with the poorest achievement levels as measured by standardized test results. It would support enhanced quality and equity by: (i) targeting interventions to disadvantaged schools in rural and peri-urban areas and to students at high risk; (ii) complementing the goal of increased coverage as stated in the Departmental Development Plan 2001-2004; (iii) reinforcing the participation of key stakeholders by adding relevance to the educational content (process and management of schools); and (vi) upgrading the skills and competencies of both dropouts and graduates to facilitate their entry into the labor market. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77757. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretary of Education of Cundinamarca, Calle 26, No 47-73, 4o Piso, Cundinamarca, Colombia, Tel: (571) 426-0309, Fax: (571) 426-1616, E-mail: pca-ballerop@cundinamarca.gov.co, Contact: Ms. Piedad Caballero, Secretaria, and Dr. William Alejo, Coordinador de Proyecto

Environment

(R) 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: COPE57093. US\$ 9.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Fundación Pro-Sierra Nevada de Sta Marta, Calle 74, N° 2-86, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 310-0571, Contact: Gonzalo Uribe, Executive Director

Costa Rica

Education

(N) Education: The project objective is to assist the Government of Costa Rica to put in place a medium-term education development framework with clear benchmarks to increase the level and quality of education for its citizens, and 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 under-served areas, while it supports changes in a longer-term education development plan that utilizes existing resources cost-effectively. Project preparation is under way. 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, 3^{er} Piso - PROMECE, call 1^{era}, Ave. 1 y 3, Apartado 10433-1000, San Jose, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 222-0029, Fax: (506) 222-6501, E-mail: cbarantes@mep.go.cr, Contact: Carlos Barrantes, Project Coordinator

Dominica

Structural Adjustment

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 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 2.0/2.6 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required for project preparation. 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

Population, Health and Nutrition

(R) Health Reform Support (APL)(Ln. 7185-DO): The objectives of the project, the first phase of a three-phase APL, are to: (a) improve the health status of the most vulnerable population in the medium term; (b) change the current supply-driven service delivery model to a demand-driven one; and (c) create a public health system that effectively promotes and protects the health of the population. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 June 2003. The loan was signed on 27 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76802. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health/ SESPAS/CERSS/Superintendency of Health, Tel: (809) 547-2509, Fax: (809) 565-2768, Contacts: Dr. José Rodríguez Soldevilla, State Secretary of Health, SESPAS, Dr. Jesus Feris Iglesias, Project Coordinator, CERSS

Power

Power Sector Program: 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. Project preparation is under way. 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, 3^{er} Piso, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana, Tel: (809) 547-3044, Fax: (809) 547-2073, E-mail: orppgr@codeitel.net.do, Contact: Ing. George Reinoso, Executive Director

Power Sector Technical Assistance: 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. Project preparation is under way. 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, 3^{er} Piso, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana, Tel: (809) 547-3044, Fax: (809) 547-2073, E-mail: orppgr@codeitel.net.do, Contact: Ing. George Reinoso, Executive Director

Ecuador

Public Sector Management

(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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 March 2002. *Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for late August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: ECPE74218. 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, 2^{do} Piso, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 906-893, Fax: (593-22) 906-598, Contact: Edison Proaño, Project Coordinator

Social Sector

(N) 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: (592) 246-4900, Fax: (592) 292-2453, E-mail: proyecto@prodepine.org, Contact: Marcelino Chumpi, Executive Secretary

(R) First Programmatic Human Development Reform (Ln. 7173-EC): 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 May 2003. *Loan signing was scheduled for 15 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

Border Development: The project will assist the government in the peace process with Peru by supporting 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.

Structural Adjustment

(R) Fiscal Consolidation and Competitive Growth Adjustment (Ln. 7174-EC): 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 May 2003. *Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for late 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

Transport

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. Project preparation under way. The new government has confirmed its support for the project and would like to see it extended to 20 mainland provinces. The First Year road subproject candidates for Imbabura and el Oro have been selected and plans are being formulated for the preparation of detailed engineering and the completion of environmental and social analyses. IDB cofinancing of US\$ 40.0 has been confirmed. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. 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, Fax: (593-22) 904-323, Contact: Ing. Carlos Vera, Director Ejecutivo

El Salvador

Public Sector Management

(R) Judicial Modernization (Ln. 7135-ES): The project would (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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 August 2002. *Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for late August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: SVPE64919. 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/Training

(R) OECS Education Development (2nd APL) (Ln. 7187-GRD/Cr. 3809-GRD): (formerly Grenada Education Development (2nd APL)) 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. This objective will be achieved by: a) increasing equitable access to secondary education; b) improving the quality of the teaching and learning process, with more direct interventions at the school level and a focus on student-centered learning and c) strengthening management of the sector and governance of schools. *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

Agriculture

(R) Western Altiplano Natural Resources Management (Ln. 7175-GU): 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 is tentatively scheduled for late September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: GTPE64883, GTGE68292. 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@intel-net.net.gt, Contact: Edin Barrientos, Minister

Transport

(R) 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: GTPE55085. 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

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). Project activities include: (a) preparing a NPAS strategic plan through a participatory process involving stakeholders and Amerindian indigenous communities; (b) strengthening national institutional capacity to manage the NPAS, especially training of staff; (c) developing the necessary legislative, policy and long-term financing framework to support the system; (d) establishing and managing at least two protected areas; (e) undertaking a public awareness campaign on conservation and protected area issues; and (f) monitoring and evaluating project activities and outcomes. 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2003. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for late July 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 were tentatively scheduled for late July 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; Fundación 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

(N) Land and Regularization and Administration (PRATH): The project aims to establish 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

(R) Regional Development in the Copan Valley (Cr. 3764-HO): The project seeks to achieve sustainable tourism development based on cultural and natural patrimony of the Copán Valley. The project will support: (a) an integrated program of tourism infrastructure and participatory management of archeological parks; (b) local capacity building, technical skills building, and technical assistance program to foster income generation opportunities for populations in project areas, particularly the very poor; and (c) institutional development for strengthening institutional capacity in tourism/cultural management for public, private, and civil society actors. Approved by the Executive Directors on 20 May 2003. *The credit was signed on 3 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81172. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Honduras Institute of Tourism/Ministry of Tourism, Apartado Postal 3261, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 221-1909, Fax: (504) 221-1911, Contact: Miriam Leiva, Coordinator, Project Implementation Unit

Mexico

Agriculture

(N) Irrigation and Drainage Modernization: The main objective of the project is to assist the Government in its efforts 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 preparation is under way. 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 Hidroagícola

Environment

(N) 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

Rural Finance Development Structural Adjustment (Ln. 7180-ME): The objective of the project is to cofinance 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 12 June 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*

Infrastructure

Hybrid Solar Thermal Power Plant: 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 is tentatively scheduled for September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: MXGE66426. 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

National Urban Upgrading: At the request of the federal government, this project has been expanded in scope from the Federal District to country wide. The project supports increasing access to infrastructure, services and shelter for low-income populations in the large and fast growing cities of Mexico. The project will finance: (i) urban upgrading investments and capacity building; (ii) the development of state level strategies for upgrading and low income housing; and (iii) capacity building at the federal level to provide guidelines, monitor and evaluate upgrading and housing programs, and improve financing instruments. The program purpose is to improve the shelter conditions of the urban poor through increasing efficiency of investment, regulatory reform and institutional capacity building. This is an adaptable program loan. Appraisal has been postponed and a new date not yet set. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: MXPE70371. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público (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

Population, Health and Nutrition

(R) 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

(R) ISSSTE Technical Assistance to the PSAL: 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: MXPE74795. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Mexico Public Sector Social Security (ISSSTE), Ave. de la República N° 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: 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. *Board presentation was tentatively scheduled for 31 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: MXPE682090. 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 Subdirección de Asistencia Técnica

Public Sector Governance

(N) 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: (i) strengthen institutional capabilities, organizational culture and knowledge; (ii) strengthen efficiency and efficacy of the judicial system; (iii) improve judicial transparency; (iv) strengthen access to justice; and (v) support monitoring and evaluation, communication and learning. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74755. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Various state institutions to be determined.

Rural Development

(N) 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. The proposed project would follow the successful implementation of the Mexico Community Forestry Project (PROCYMAF - Loan No. 4137-MX). Appraisal was scheduled for late July 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 35751. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Comisión Nacional Forestal (CONAFOR), Ave. Progreso N° 5, Col. Coyoacán 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

Structural Adjustment

(R) Chiapas Fiscal and Institutional Structural Reform: 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. The measures to strengthen sector programs and reform public administration will have fiscal as well as political costs, so it is important to include in the program the necessary reforms of fiscal management to assure sustainability. *Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: MXPE74751. US\$ 300.00 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. BONABRAS, Tecoyotitla No 100, 3^{er} 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

Urban Development

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. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 80149. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. BANOBRAS, Monterrey 206, Col. Roma, Mexico, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 564-1138, Contact: Lic. Ismael Diaz, Manager, International Relations

Nicaragua

Finance

(R) 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 July 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

Power

(R) Off-Grid Rural Electrification (PERZA) (Cr. 3760-NI): The objective of the project is to provide selected rural sites with sustainable electricity services and the associated social and economic benefits. This would be accomplished by assisting the government in designing and implementing its national rural electrification strategy; deploying innovative public/private off-grid electricity delivery mechanisms in several pilot sites for later national replication; and demonstrating in the pilot areas the potential of sustainable targeted rural microfinance and business development services to enhance significantly the development impact of rural electrification. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 May 2003. *The credit was signed on 27 May 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: NIPE73246. US\$ 12.0/4.0 (IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required for project preparation. National Energy Commission, PO Box CJ-159, Complejo de Cooperación Externa, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 222-5576/3385, Fax: (505) 222-4629, Contact: Alcalá Bolanos, Secretario Ejecutivo

Public Sector Management

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

(N) Panama Canal Watershed: The project aims to enhance local capacity in managing 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. This objective would be achieved in two main ways: first, the project would promote sustainable land use systems based on the rational use and management of the watershed resources; second, it would implement conservation and mitigation measures to prevent the deterioration of the hydrological resources of the Canal watershed. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64917. US\$ 13.7 (IBRD). Consultants may be required. Ministry of Agriculture (MIDA), 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 Stanziola, Minister

(N) Second Rural Poverty and Natural Resources: The project aims to reduce rural poverty and improve natural resource conservation and management by increasing investment for sustainable development and improving local governance in poor rural areas. It would contribute to three priorities for the country's social and economic development: rural poverty reduction; local government strengthening; and natural resource management, biodiversity conservation and environmental protection. In particular, it would have a positive impact on employment and income generation, as well as social capital formation for local development. It would improve delivery of municipal services and the provision of social and economic infrastructure, and would strengthen local revenue mobilization (through local taxes and user fees) and the fiscal transfer system. It would also support sustainable management of natural resources in strategic areas such as the Panama Mesoamerican Biological Corridor (PAMBC), and it would improve the operation of Panama's National Protected Area System. 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, 3^{er} 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 Stanziola, Minister

Paraguay

Education/Training

(R) Education Reform Program: This investment loan will improve management and efficiency of the education system across all levels and will improve educational outcomes and equity in opportunity at the secondary level. This will be achieved by: (a) introducing more unified management of human resources, accreditation of training facilities and a comprehensive approach to teacher training, as well as creating additional capacity for sub-sector analysis, planning, and monitoring and evaluation; (b) enhancing the school environment through the introduction of school education plans, better on-site support for teachers and stronger school-community ties; and (c) establishing innovative mechanisms to ensure more equitable access to secondary education. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 31 July 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: PYPE73526. 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

Structural Adjustment

Financial Sector 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. The project is currently on hold. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: PYPE39994. 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/Training

(R) Rural Education (Ln. 7176-PE): The project would support policy development in the human resources area, and strengthen MOE's capacity to fully implement rural and bilingual education programs under a decentralized model. In addition to this, the project would contribute to the development of the MOE's long-term policy on information and communications technology implementation at the school level. With respect to human resources, the project would support the development of an incentive-based system that would promote teachers according to performance-based criteria and provide incentives for teachers to work in rural and high risk areas. The project would also support consensus building in relation to bilingual education and rural pedagogical methods (for multigrade and single-room schools) with civil society. Currently, the Government of Peru is developing a proposal for decentralization in the education sector. The project would support this process through school networks that would be empowered for independent decision-making and with a good supervision system to ensure accountability. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 May 2003. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for September 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: PEPE55239. 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

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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 June 2003. Loan signing is scheduled for 22 August 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77788. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Office of the Prime Minister, Av. 28 de Julio No 878, Miraflores, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 446-4279, 446-9800, Fax: (511) 242-2551, E-mail: molivares@pcm.gob.pe, Contact: Dr. Marta Olivares Larriega, Secretaria de Gestion Multi-sectoral

Public Sector Management

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 by the poor. The objectives are to: (a) provide the managerial tools required by sector authorities to lead the reform process and facilitate access; (b) establish human resources management systems that assure independence and transparency; (c) develop a more open and fluid relationship between sector institutions and civil society organization; and (d) fos-

ter access to justice mechanisms for marginal groups. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: PEPE73438. 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 Sector

(N) Programmatic Social Reform TAL: The PSRL program objective is to assist the government in achieving measurable results in poverty reduction in Peru. Specifically, it comprises efforts (a) to reorient greater proportions of public spending towards poverty reduction, and protect these expenditure categories during periods of economic slow-down; (b) to raise the poverty-reduction impact of these resources by implementing new and/or improved safety net programs (workfare, cash transfers), by improving the coverage and delivery of high-quality health and education services, and by removing costly income subsidies to the non-poor (pensions); and (c) to increase transparency and citizen input into budgeting processes and policy design. Appraisal is scheduled for late September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78953. US\$ 8.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Jr. Junin, No 319, Lima Peru, Tel: (511) 428-9630/31, E-mail: cricse@mef.gob.pe, Contact: Dr. Carlos Ricse, Coordinador Tecnico

Transport

(N) 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 were scheduled for August 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

Regional

Finance

(R) Catastrophe Risk Management and Insurance Reform: The project will fund the design and launch of a regional catastrophe insurance fund for protection of government assets and infrastructure in the OECS countries and Barbados, to enable cost effective risk transfer of potential future losses. Technical work will involve hazard and topographical mapping, actuarial loss determination, insurance pricing, alternative risk transfer instruments and legal/corporate structure of the agreed fund. The project will also fund technical assistance to strengthen the regulatory and supervisory norms for the insurance sector in the participating countries and studies to determine best practice in coverage of risks and losses of low income communities. The project will be cofinanced with the Caribbean Development Bank. *The project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 6OPE70658. US\$ 2.5/2.5 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Caribbean Development Bank, Collymore Rock Wildey, St. Michael, Barbados, Tel: (246) 431-1600, Contact: Mr. Desmond Brunton, Vice President of Operations

Trinidad and Tobago

Population, Health and Nutrition

(R) HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control (Ln. 7184-TR): The objective of the project is to assist the government in meeting the goals of a National HIV/AIDS task force to: (a) halt the spread of new HIV infections; (b) reduce morbidity and mortality attributed to HIV/AIDS; (c) increase life expectancy and quality of life of people living with AIDS; and (d) build sustainable institutional capacity for managing HIV/AIDS prevention and control activities for the longer term. The task force formulated the goals as part of a national strategic plan of action, which was developed following a major assessment of the social, cultural, political and economic risks associated with the spread of HIV/AIDS. *The project was approved — following APL procedures — on 27 June 2003. The loan was signed on 27 June 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75528. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. National AIDS Council/Ministry of Finance, Eric Williams Building, Independence Square, Port-au-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Tel: (868) 627-6257, Fax: (868) 627-5882, E-mail: mmendez@finance.gov.tt, Contact: Michael Mendez, 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

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