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# THE WORLD BANK MONTHLY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

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

## SECTOR DEFINITIONS

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



## GUIDE TO THE WORLD BANK MONTHLY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

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

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

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

### Project Cycle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A typical summary entry looks like this:

<p><b>Vietnam</b></p> <p>➔ <b>(R) Payment Systems and Bank Modernization:</b> The project will establish a computerized payments system in order to improve efficiency and modernize the banking sector. Technical assistance to strengthen the institutional capacity of participating commercial banks will also be provided. <i>Preappraisal mission completed.</i> Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: VNMPA028.</p> <p>➔ US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for project management and commercial bank institutional studies. Project Management Unit, Payment System and Bank Modernization Project, State Bank of Vietnam, 49 Ly Thai To, Vietnam, Fax: (84-4) 258-385, Contact Mr. Nguyen Van Binh</p>	<p>● Name of borrowing country ● (R) = revised; (N) = new entry</p> <p>● Project description</p> <p>● Italics indicate change from last month's listing</p> <p>● PID = Project identification number. ● Amount of financing in US\$ millions (source)</p> <p>● Name/address of implementing agency</p>
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## 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: [www.gefweb.org](http://www.gefweb.org)

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Madagascar: Environment 3 (H087-MAG)  
Namibia: Integrated Community-based Ecosystem Management  
Regional: West and Central Africa Market Integration and Trade Surveillance  
Senegal: Private Sector Adjustment (Cr. 3875-SE)  
Sierra Leone: Institutional Reform and Capacity Building (H086-SL)  
South Africa: Cape Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development  
Tanzania: Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 3772-TA, H040-TA)

### ***East Asia And Pacific Region***

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China: Ningbo Water and Environment  
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## Africa

### Angola

#### Economic Management

**Emergency Multi Sector Recovery:** The objective of the project is to build the foundation for long-term reconstruction, economic rehabilitation, and reestablishment of state administration. Appraisal mission was scheduled for July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83333. US\$ 235.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning, Largo 17 de Setembro, Luanda, Tel: (244-2) 338-686, Fax: (244-2) 336-945, Contact: H.E. Ana Dias Lourenco (Minister)

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

**HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis:** The objective of the project is to control the spread and mitigate the effects of AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83180. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National Commission Against AIDS and Endemic Diseases

#### Law and Justice

##### 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: 72205. US\$ 16.0 (IDA). A consultant has been engaged to assist in preparation of the PCD and Project Appraisal Document and participate in the appraisal mission. Further consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning, Luanda, Angola, Tel: (244-2) 391-825, E-mail: severim@snet.co.ao, Contact: Eduardo Severim de Morais, Deputy Planning Minister

### Benin

#### Economic Management

**(N) Second Poverty Reduction Support:** The objectives of the project are to implement the Poverty Reduction Strategy through the budget process and strengthen the government's capacity to design and carry out its development and poverty reduction programs. Project Concept Note was reviewed on 9 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, BP 302, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 315-356, Fax: (229) 301-851, Contact: Mr. Emmanuel Assilamehoo, Head, Technical Secretariat, National Committee for Development and Poverty Reduction

#### Energy and Mining

**(R) Energy Services Delivery Cr. 3951-BEN):** (formerly *Electricity Services Delivery - Power VII*) The project will support increased access to modern energy. The project was approved - following APL procedures - on 6 July 2004. Signing was scheduled for 28 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79633. US\$ 45.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required Société Beninoise d'Electricité et d'Eau, 92 Ave. Pape Jean Paul II, 01, BP 123, Cotonou, Bénin, Tel: (229) 312-145, Fax: (229) 315-028, Contact: M. Roger Kouessi, Directeur Général; Communauté Electrique du Bénin, Rue de la Kozah, BP 1368, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (229) 221-5796, Fax: (229) 221-3764, Contact: M. Cyr M'Po Kouagou, Directeur Général

#### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Coastal Zone Management:** The objective of the project is to contribute to sustainable management of the coastal zone and biological diversity with the view to sustainable development of the country. Board presentation is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.2 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

**Management of Forests and Adjacent Lands:** The objective of the project is to enable continuation of work financed by an earlier series of grants for forest and adjacent land management. Board presentation is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) National Community-Driven Development:** The project would increase access of poor communities to basic social infrastructure and economic opportunities in response to their identified needs and in accordance with local governments' plans and with a national CDD policy, in turn improving local government capacity for planning, monitoring and maintaining community-based services. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 14 September 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required and will be financed under a country-managed PHRD grant or a requested Project Preparation Facility (PPF) advance. Agence de Financement des Initiatives de Base, 02 PO Box 287, Cotonou, Republic of Bénin, Tel: (229) 305-276, Fax: (229) 305-494, E-mail: agefib@intnet.bj, Contact: Mr. Lucien Afanou, Directeur Général

### Burkina Faso

#### Energy and Mining

**(R) 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 were scheduled for July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 69126, 73358. US\$ 62.9/2.8 (IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mines, 01 BP 644, Ouagadougou 01 Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 300-248, 331-745, 436-727, Fax: (226) 217-542, Contact: Mr. Godefroy Thiombiano, Project Coordinator

#### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(R) Sahel Integrated Lowland Ecosystem Management:** The project will provide a GEF financial window to the IDA-funded Community-Based Rural Development Project and will fund incremental costs that will enable the base project to make significant contributions to local and global environment protection, which should maximize the sustainability of rural productivity growth. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 June 2004. The grant was signed on 14 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70871. US\$ 4.5 (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

#### Public Sector Governance

**Capacity Building Program:** The project will provide technical assistance to core and line ministries to implement the first phase (capacity assessment) and the second phase (implementing reforms) of a long-range capacity building effort. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78596. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Prime Minister's Office, BP 7027, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 324-889, Fax: (226) 330-551, Contact: Mrs. Véronique Tiemtoré, General Secretary to the Prime Minister

### Cameroon

#### Economic Management

**(R) Infrastructure/Local Economic Development:** The project will seek to maximize the contribution of cities to sustain the development of the country while vigorously attacking the roots of poverty in and around urban areas. It will address policy issues such as decentralization, local economic development, and access to basic services by the poor. *Project Concept Review was scheduled for late July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 million (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Education

**(R) Education Development Capacity Building:** The objective of the project is to strengthen administrative and educational management skills in the ministries of education and to organize their efforts in the fight against poverty and social inequality. Preappraisal mission completed. Decision meeting is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75964. US\$ 15.0 million (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Projet d'appui au Secteur de l'Education, BP 8390, Yaoundé, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 222-4547, E-mail: charles\_awono@yahoo.fr, Contact: Charles Awono

### Public Sector Governance

**Transparency and Accountability Capacity Building:** The objective of the project is to enhance transparency and accountability in the use of public resources. Decision meeting was scheduled for July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84160. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Affairs, Programming and Regional Development, Tel: (242) 215-702, E-mail: prctg@yahoo.fr, Contact: Ngouembe Abandza

### Rural Development

**(R) Community Development Program (Cr. 3876-CM):** 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 credit was scheduled to be signed on 8 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 73629. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning, MINPAT, Yaounde, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 221-088, E-mail: mm\_nga@yahoo.fr, Contact: Marie-Madeleine Nga; Ministry of Agriculture, MINAGRI, Yaoundé, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 223-441, E-mail: c\_ananga@yahoo.com, Contact: Clementine Ananga

### Cape Verde

#### Law and Justice

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support:** The objective of the project is to support development in the government's targeted sectors including health, education, social protection, administrative reform (including decentralization), and public expenditure management. Appraisal is scheduled for late September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78860. US\$ 16.0 (IDA). A PPF advance of US\$ 1.5 has been approved. Consulting services will be required for background analysis in sectors of interest (Human Development, Public Sector Reform, and Public Expenditure Management). Ministry of Finance, Planning and Regional Development, Praia, Santiago, Republic of Cape Verde, Tel: (238) 607-520, E-mail: manuelp@gov1.gov.cv, Contact: Mr. Manuel Pinheiro, Director General for Planning

#### Transportation

**Road Sector Support:** The objective of the project is to support critical road access infrastructure needs on five islands and to provide institutional assistance on sector reforms and capacity building. Appraisal mission is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87004. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). A PPF advance has been approved. Consultants have been selected as part of preparation for road design and management studies. Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Ponta Belem, Praia, Santiago, Republic of Cape Verde, Tel: (238) 615-699, Fax: (238) 614-141, E-mail: msousa@mih.gov.cv, Contact: Mr. Manuel Inocência Sousa, Minister of State for Infrastructure and Transport

### Chad

#### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Integrated Ecosystem Management:** The objective of the program is to promote sustainable development in rural areas combined with the management of ecosystems so as to generate global and local environmental benefits. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 78138. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Cellule Permanente de Suivi de la Table Ronde de Geneve IV, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 520-749, Contact: Mr. Baharadine; Ministry of Economic Promotion and Development, N'Djamena, Chad,

Tel: (235) 515-898, Fax: (235) 515-185, Contact: Mr. Mahamat Bachir, Vice Director-General

### Rural Development

**Institutional Reform Support:** The objective of the project is to assist in implementing two of the country's poverty reduction strategic objectives: (a) improving governance and transparency; and (b) ensuring strong and sustained growth, especially in the rural sector. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83711. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning, Development and Cooperation, Tel: (235) 526-181, Fax: (235) 522-950, E-mail: habakhit@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Bakhit Hassan Adoum

**(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 were tentatively scheduled for late July, 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 66998. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Promotion and Development, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 515-898, Contact: Mr. Mahamat Bachir, Vice Director-General; Cellule Permanente de Suivi de la Table Ronde de GenOve IV, N'Djamena, Tchad, Tel: (235) 520-749, Contact: Mr. Baharadine

### Social Protection

**Demobilization and Reintegration:** The objective of the project is to build national reconciliation, peace and security, thereby helping sustain social and economic development. It will do this by: (a) demobilizing 5,564 officers and sub-officers and helping them return to civilian life, (b) assisting an estimated 20,000 ex-combatants and their families return to productive civilian life, (c) facilitating poverty reduction through the reallocation of national military expenditures to priority sectors such as education, health, rural development, infrastructure and social development. Preparation mission was tentatively scheduled for August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Comite National de Reinsertion, PO Box 06, NDjamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 526-614, E-mail: cnr@intnet.td, Contact: Col Dingamadji Majior

### Urban Development

**(R) Urban Development:** The objective of the project is to rehabilitate infrastructure and manage urban services in the major cities. Project Concept Review is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

## Congo, Democratic Republic of

### Economic Management

**Post-Reunification Economic Recovery (Cr. 3862-ZR):** The objective of the project is to provide balance of payments support in the post-reunification context to facilitate implementation of urgent reforms. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 February 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82443. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, BP 12997, Kinshasa 1 Democratic Republic of Congo, Fax: (243) 880-2381

### Education

**Emergency Economic and Social Reunification Support (Cr. 3824-DRC, H064-DRC):** The project aims at supporting economic and social reunification; support that is critical to mitigating the ongoing social and humanitarian crisis and continuing implementation of economic reforms. Approved by the Executive Directors on 11 September 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81850. US\$ 50.0/164.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning; Ministry of Finance

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**Multi-Sectoral HIV/AIDS (H080-ZR):** The objective of the project, part of the Bank's regional multi-sectoral program for Africa, is to mitigate the negative impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on development of the country. Approved by the Executive Directors on 25 March 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82516. US\$ 102.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

### Private Sector Development

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

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**Emergency Demobilization and Reintegration (H089-ZR):** The objective of the project is to help finance the post-conflict transition of former combatants. Approved by the Executive Directors on 25 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78658. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

## Congo, Republic of

### Economic Management

**(R) Economic Recovery:** The objective of the project is to assist the country with its economic recovery. Board presentation was scheduled for August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance

## Côte d'Ivoire

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) HIV/AIDS Multi-sector Response:** The project will support a multi-sector HIV/AIDS national program to reduce the spread of HIV infection with special focus on the most vulnerable groups and assist infected persons and affected communities cope with the impact of HIV/AIDS. Board presentation is scheduled for 23 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71631. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required and are being recruited. Ministry in Charge of HIV/AIDS (MSLS), 16 BP, Abidjan 16, Côte d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2124-3013/4, 2021-0832, 0752-2376, 0505-6699, Fax: (225) 2021-0834, E-mail: clovisko@yahoo.fr, Contacts: Konan Kouassi Clovis, Charge d'Etudes au Cabinet, Prof. Mireille Dosso

### Law and Justice

**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. Appraisal is contingent upon security clearance. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 55076. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required during preparation to put the key analytical and capacity building blocks in place. In the implementation phase, consultants will be required for program management, monitoring and evaluation. Secrétariat National 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

### Social Protection

**Demobilization, Reintegration and Rehabilitation:** The objective is to provide immediate support for (a) demobilizing and reintegrating ex-combatants; (b) returning internally displaced people and refugees to their communities; and (c) strengthening social and eco-

omic infrastructures in communities most affected by the war. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82817. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Commission Nationale pour le Désarmement, Démobilisation et Reintégration (National Commission for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration), 27 BP 933 Abidjan 27 Cote d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2252-7350/1/2/4, E-mail: brahima.sangare@apex.ci, Contact: Ibrahima Sangare, Secrétaire Exécutif du CNDDR

## Eritrea

### Energy and Mining

**(R) Power Distribution and Rural Electrification (Cr. 3949-ER, H114-ER):** (formerly Power Distribution) The objectives of the project are to rehabilitate and upgrade electricity distribution systems in Asmara and electrify certain rural areas. Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57929. US\$ 29.0/21.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required for financial management, information systems, institutional and power sector reforms, urban and rural power distribution work. Eritrea Electric Authority (EEA), Asmara, Eritrea, Tel: (291-1) 122-228, Fax: (291-1) 124-984, Contact: Mr. Abraham Woldemicael, General Manager

### Transportation

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

### Education

**(R) Post-Secondary Education:** The objective of the project is to expand/strengthen the country's post-secondary education system as key components of its national capacity building effort. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 16 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78692. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, PO Box 1367, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 560-063, Fax: (251-1) 553-133, Contact: Dr. Teshome Yizengaw, Vice-Minister for Higher Education

### Information and Communication

**(R) Information and Communication Technologies Assisted Development:** The objective of the project is to enable communities to have increased access to ICT-assisted public and private services, and to use these services more effectively to increase their income, give them better access to markets and enable them to participate in local decision making. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 16 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78458. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Capacity Building, PO Box 1028, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 503 973, Fax: (251-1) 534 246, Contact: Ato Dhaba Oria, Director General, Ethiopian ICT Development Authority

### Private Sector Development

**(R) Private Sector Development Capacity Building:** The objectives of the project are to (a) increase competitiveness of the private sector; and (b) support poverty reduction strategy dialogue and implementation of agreed policy measures. Appraisal is scheduled for 22 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Trade and Industry, PO Box 704, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 518-025, Fax: (251-1) 514-288, Contact: Ato Tadesse Haile

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Public Sector Capacity Building Program Support (Cr. 3899-ET):** The objectives of the program are to: (a) improve the

scale, efficiency, and responsiveness of public service delivery at the federal, regional and local levels; (b) empower citizens to participate more effectively in shaping their own development; and (c) enhance the transparency and accountability of state institutions. Signing was tentatively scheduled for 22 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74020. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). The general procurement notice with consulting services, goods and training requirements was published on 6 March 2004. Ministry of Capacity Building, PO Box 1082, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 572-224/226, Contact: Ato Hailemeleket T/Giorgis

### Rural Development

**Rural Capacity Building:** The objective of the project is to increase the productivity and profitability of the agricultural sector through investments designed to raise the human capital of farmers and other people involved in agricultural and agri-business enterprises, and improve the effectiveness of agricultural technology institutions. Appraisal is scheduled for November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79275. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 150-110, Fax: (251-1) 512-984, E-mail: moavm@telecom.net.et, Contact: Belay Edjigu, Minister of State; Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

### Social Protection

**(R) Productive Safety Nets:** The objective of the project is to transform existing relief-oriented safety nets to a system that not only sustains lives but enhances growth by preventing irreversible losses and providing incentives to the most vulnerable households to engage in productive behavior. Appraisal is scheduled for 9 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 87707. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development

### Transportation

**(R) Road Sector Development Support Program Phase 2 - APL 2:** The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and upgrade priority link and regional roads and support the Rural Travel and Transport Program to prepare woreda and village-level development activities. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 16 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 160.9 (IDA Grant). Consulting services for feasibility studies and engineering designs are being financed under existing projects. Additional services will be advertised. Ethiopia Roads Authority, PO Box 1770, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 525-392, Fax: (251-1) 514-866, Contact: Ato Zaid Woldegebriel, General Manager

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Water Supply and Sanitation (Cr. 3901-ET, H085-ET):** The objective of the project is to increase access to sustainable water supply and sanitation services through improved capacity of stakeholders in the sector and better management of water resources. Signing was scheduled for 22 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76735. US\$ 75.0/25.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Resources and Regional Water Bureaus, PO Box 5673, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 611-111, Fax: (251-1) 610-885, E-mail: waterprogram@telecom.net.et, Contact: Mesfin Tegene, Vice Minister

## Gabon

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Forestry and Environment:** The objective of the project is to increase sustainably the contribution of the natural resources management sector to the national economy, helping improve standards of living while ensuring sustainable management of natural resources and conservation of biodiversity. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 70196. US\$ 19.9 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Planning and Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Forestry and Environment, Tel: (241) 721-383, Fax: (241) 721-382, E-mail: pnae@inet.ga, Contact: Mr. Juste-L. Boussienguet, Coordinator CPSE

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**Community Infrastructure and Capacity Building:** The project will be a follow-on to the continuing Pilot Community Infrastructure Works and Capacity Building Project (LIL) to capitalize on and take advantage of the results of the LIL. The objectives of the project are to: (a) set up a sustainable management system to carry out public works by small- and medium-enterprises (SMEs); (b) promote and develop SMEs in public works sectors such as the secondary road network, health, education); (c) generate employment; (d) provide basic infrastructure and improved access to services; and (e) improve the local economy and contribute to poverty alleviation. The CB II will focus on sector reforms (improved access of SMEs to sectors of the economy); and capacity building (SMEs, line ministries, and local governments). Appraisal mission is scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. PAPSUT, PO Box 114, Libreville, Gabon, Tel: (241) 765-830, 768-307, Fax: (241) 765-831, E-mail: papsut@internetgabon.com, Contact: Mr. Richard Damas, Project Coordinator

## Gambia, The

### Education

**(N) Third Education:** The project is the second phase of an APL that uses a sector-wide approach toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals of universal completion of primary education by 2015 and gender parity by 2010. Project Concept Note is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of State for Education, Tel: (220) 422-8522, E-mail: lbruce@qanet.gm, Contact: Mr. Lawrence Bruce, Project Coordinator

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Health Sector Reform:** The objective of the project is to improve the health of the population through access to quality essential health care packages (preventive and curative) on a sustainable basis. Preparation mission was scheduled for 1 August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85004. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of State for Health, The Quadrangle, Banjul, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-7872, E-mail: essakhan@gamtel.gm, Contact: Mr. Essa A. Khan, Permanent Secretary, Department of State for Health

### Rural Development

**(R) Community-Based Rural Development:** The objective of the project is to mobilize and empower rural communities to undertake activities that enhance livelihoods and support social capital development, such as activities that increase agricultural productivity, diversify farm and off-farm income and build local capacity to manage development. Preappraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82969. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant has been provided. Consultants will be required. Department of State for Finance and Economic Affairs, Tel: (220) 422-5181, Fax: (220) 449-4758, E-mail: m\_touray@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. M.E. Touray, Project Coordinator

## Ghana

### Finance

**Accountability and Capacity Building:** The objective of the project is to enhance the efficiency, accountability and transparency of government financial management functions and improve revenue generation. Appraisal mission was scheduled for June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 69348. US\$ 55.0 (IDA). Consultants 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

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support 2 (Cr. 3957-GH, H115-GH):** The project aims at maintaining a sound macroeconomic framework

the business environment, facilitate trade, increase energy supply and develop the rural economy. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 July 2004. The credit was signed on 15 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 83246. US\$ 85.0/40.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, PO Box M40, Accra, Ghana, 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 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA). Consultants are required for preliminary engineering studies. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, PO Box M50, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 670-363/4, Contact: Mr. Godfrey Ewool

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Water Restructuring:** The project will improve efficiency and effectiveness of urban water services and provide safe and affordable water supply services to un-served, low-income urban areas. *Board presentation was scheduled for 27 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 56256. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for Environmental and Social Assessment Engineering. Ghana Water Sector Project Management Unit, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 666-781, Fax: (233-21) 663-552, E-mail: wsr@ghana.com. Contact: Mr. Emmanuel Nkrumah, Acting PMU Director

**Urban Environmental Sanitation 2 (Cr. 3889-GH):** The objective of the project is to improve urban living conditions in regard to sanitation, drainage, vehicular access and solid waste management in a sustainable fashion, with special emphasis on benefits to the poor. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 April 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82373. US\$ 62.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, PO Box M 50, Accra, Ghana, Fax: (233-21) 537-3004, Director, Local Government Project Support Unit

## Guinea

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Community-Based Integrated Ecosystem Management Program:** The objective of the project is to generate multiple global environmental benefits by piloting through the ongoing Village Communities Support Program, an approach in selected sub-watersheds to enable and encourage local communities to incorporate integrated ecosystem management practices designed and implemented by the local populations. Appraisal mission is scheduled for late October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Plan, Conakry, Guinea, Tel: (225) 464-031, E-mail: pacv@afribone.net.gn, Contact: Mrs. Aminatou Camara Barry

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Health Sector Support:** The objectives are to (a) enhance knowledge and skills to prevent and manage communicable diseases and manage nutrition and reproductive health at the household level, with special attention to the poor; (b) increase access and utilization of basic health care services; and (c) strengthen the health care referral system. *Board presentation is scheduled for 23 September 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65126. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de la Santé (Ministry of Health), BP 585, Conakry, Guinea, Tel: (224) 219-456, E-mail: pdramou@biassy.net, Contact: Mr. Pepe Dramou

### Transportation

**(R) Second National Rural Infrastructure Program:** The objective of the project is to develop the rural sector, increasing incomes and improving health and education, by improving physical access to market opportunities and administrative and social service facilities. Board presentation is scheduled for 26 August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 65127. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required and will be financed under a requested Project Preparation Facility (PPF) advance and a Canadian Trust Fund. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, BP 715, Conakry, Guinea, Tel: (224) 413-639, Fax: (224) 413-639, E-mail: dnpistesurales@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Toure Alahassane, Directeur National des Pistes Rurales

## Guinea-Bissau

### Energy and Mining

**(R) Critical Energy Services:** The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and expand electricity distribution networks and to reform the electricity sector. *Initial preparation mission took place in late June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 7.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Rua Justino Lopes N. 74-A, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Fax: (245) 203-495, E-mail: prdsp@mail.gtelcom.gw, Contact: Dr. José Carlos Varela Casimiro, Coordinator

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(R) 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. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for November/December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 83453, 11491, 49513. US\$ 3.0/4.8 (IDA/GEF). A supplemental PPF advance was approved. Cofinancing has been confirmed from the European Commission, the World Conservation Union, and the government, totaling US\$ 3.3. Consultants will be required for chief technical advisor, technical advisors for each project component, and technical advisory assignments of short duration to prepare sectoral safeguards' guidelines, species action plans, national resource management plans, fisheries management procedures, technical capacity-building and a conservation finance mechanism. Ministry of Economy and Finance, 37 Av. Amílcar Cabral, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel/Fax: (245) 203-513, E-mail: ugpge@sol.telecom.gw, Contact: Mr. Aquino Duarte, Chairman, Project Steering Committee

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) National Health Development Program (Supplemental):** The objective of the supplemental credit is to continue to improve the health status of the population, particularly women and children, through strengthening the national public health system, service delivery, management structures and processes. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88282. US\$ 4.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministry of Health, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 212-424, Fax: (245) 201-188, E-mail: pnds@mail.gtelecom.gw, Contact: Sra. Hilda Mateus dos Santos, Project Coordinator

**HIV/AIDS Global Mitigation Support:** The objective of the project, which is within the framework of the Multi-Country AIDS Program for Africa, is to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic through community and civil society initiatives, mainstreaming HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention into the work programs of government ministries and agencies, and institutional development for program management. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 2 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73442. US\$ 7.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant was used for preparation. A PPF advance of US\$ 763,000 has been approved. Consultants were recruited for preparation. Direction du Programme National pour la Lutte contre le SIDA, Ministère de la Santé, Ave. Unidade Africana, CP 50, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 202-838, E-mail: paulo6602@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: M. Paulo Rabna, Directeur National

## Kenya

### Economic Management

**(R) Development of a National Statistical System:** The objective of the project is to build a more effective and efficient statistical system that will produce better data and improved analysis of economic, financial and social developments. Appraisal mission completed. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85414. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Contracts have been written for some of the consultants required during preparation. Ministry of Planning and National Development, PO Box 30266, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 340-929, Fax: (254-20) 333-030, E-mail: akmkilele@cbs.go.ke, Contact: Mr. Anthony Kilele, Acting Director

### Education

**Education Sector Wide Approach:** The objective of the project is to strengthen primary and secondary education. Identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Jogoo House "B," Harambee Ave., PO Box 30040, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 334-144, Fax: (254-20) 214-287, Contact: Professor Karega Mutahi, Permanent Secretary

### Energy and Mining

**(R) Energy Sector Recovery (Cr. 3968-KE):** The project will support: (a) enhancement of the policy, institutional and regulatory environment for private sector participation and sector development; (b) efficient expansion of power generation capacity to meet the economy's projected supply deficits by FY2009/10; (c) increased access to electricity, while improving the efficiency, reliability and quality of service to existing consumers; and (d) studies and engineering services for preparation and implementation of generation and distribution upgrade components as well as for developing future projects. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83131. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementing a corporate recovery program for the power company, KPLC, capacity building in the regulatory agency and other sector entities, conducting geothermal reservoir optimization studies and engineering support toward implementation of the generation and distribution components. Ministry of Energy, PO Box 30582, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 333-551, 330-048, Fax: (254-20) 240-910, Contact: Mr. Patrick Nyoike, Permanent Secretary; KENGEN, PO Box 47936, Nairobi, Kenya, Fax: (254-20) 246-691, Contact: Mr. Edward Njoroge, Managing Director; KenGen, KPLC, PO Box 30099, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 243-366, Fax: (254-20) 250-067, Contact: Eng. Jasper Oduor, Managing Director

### Finance

**(R) Financial and Legal Sector Technical Assistance:** The objective of the project is to support the creation of a sound and efficiently functioning financial sector that will ensure broad access to financial services and support sustained economic growth, with priority going to immediate reform of the banking sector. The project will also address weaknesses in the judiciary that hamper access to financial services and law reforms, giving priority to laws in the financial and commercial sectors. Negotiations are scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83250. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required as restructuring and privatization advisers, auditors, resident advisers, trainers, legal drafting experts and for project management. Ministry of Finance, Treasury Building, Harambee Ave., PO Box 30007, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 338-111, Contact: Mr. Joseph Kinuya, Permanent Secretary

**(R) Financial Sector Adjustment:** The objective of the project is to remedy vulnerabilities and inefficiencies in the banking system, increase competition, improve the lending environment, and broaden and deepen private sector access to financial services. Appraisal mission is scheduled for November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84224 US\$ 75.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required as financial sector experts and developers of a strategy for the sector. Ministry of Finance, Treasury Building, Harambee Ave., PO Box 30007, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 338-111, Contact: Mr. Joseph Oyula, Acting Permanent Secretary

### Private Sector Development

**(R) Micro-, Small- and Medium-Enterprise Competitiveness (Cr. 3959-KE):** (formerly *Micro, Small and Medium-Enterprise Development*) The project will facilitate the growth and creation of micro, small and medium enterprises through increased delivery of non-financial services to meet the demand of these enterprises, generate employable skills in selected sectors and lower critical investment climate barriers that constrain their performance. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85007. US\$ 22.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for business plan competition design. Ministry of Trade and Industry, Teleposta Towers, PO Box 30430, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 331-030, Fax: (254-20) 253-649, E-mail: ps\_trade\_industry@mitsuminet.com, Contact: Issac Kamande, Deputy Chief Economist

### Rural Development

**(R) Agricultural Productivity (Cr. 3929-KE, H098-KE):** The objective of the project is to modernize the agriculture sector and improve the livelihoods of rural communities through development, acquisition and application of improved and profitable agricultural technologies and production practices. *The IDA credit and grant were signed on 25 June 2004.* The GEF component has been delinked from the IDA credit and grant and will be presented for approval separately. Environmental Assessment Categories B (GEF portion), C (IDA portions). PID: 82396. US\$ 27.0/13.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/GEF). Consultants with expertise in institutional development, monitoring and evaluation will be required for preparation. Consultants who can lend technical assistance to develop and pilot integrated information management, and a planning, monitoring and evaluation systems will be required during implementation. Ministry of Agriculture, PO Box 30028, Kilimo House, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 271-0817, Fax: (254-20) 271-1149, E-mail: psagric@wananchi.com, Contact: Joseph Kinuiya, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development, PO Box 30028, Kilimo House, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 273-2093, Fax: (254-20) 316-731, E-mail: danielmule@wananchi.com, Contact: Daniel Mule, Permanent Secretary; Kenya Agricultural Research Institute, PO Box 57811, Loresho, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 583-291, Fax: (254-20) 583-294, E-mail: Kiome-Rm@kari.org, Contact: Romano Kiome, Director

**(R) Western Integrated Ecosystem Management:** The objective of the project is to improve the productivity and sustainability of land use systems through adoption of an integrated ecosystem management approach in selected watersheds in the Nyando, Yala, and Nzoia River Basins. Appraisal mission completed. *Negotiations were scheduled for late July.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 72981. US\$ 4.5 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Kenya Agricultural Research Institute, PO Box 57811, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel/Fax: (254-20) 583-344, E-mail: kiome-rm@kari.org, Contact: Romano Kiome, Director

### Transportation

**(R) Northern Corridor Transport Improvement (Cr. 3930-KE):** The main objectives of the project are to: (a) increase efficiency of road transport along the Northern Corridor to facilitate trade and regional integration; (b) enhance aviation safety and security to meet international standards; and (c) promote private sector participation in the management, financing, and maintenance of road assets. *The credit was signed on 25 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82615. US\$ 207.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for construction supervision, feasibility and engineering design studies, road safety, and technical assistance for aviation safety inspectors and training, and institutional capacity building. Ministry of Roads, Public Works and Housing, Roads Department, PO Box 30260, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 716-862, Fax: (254-20) 717-802, Contact: Eng. C. Orege, Project Coordinator; Ministry of Transport and Communications, PO Box 52692, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 729-200, Fax: (254-20) 726-362, Contact: D. Ochieng, Economist, Planning Unit

### Urban Development

**Local Government Fiscal Restructuring:** The objective of the project is to achieve significant improvement in service delivery by local authorities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assess-

ment 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: (254-20) 223-346, Fax: (254-20) 243-067, Contact: Mr. Francis N. Mwaura, Director, Department of Urban Development

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Nairobi Water and Sewerage Institutional Restructuring (H100-KE):** The project aims at building a strong governance, institutional and service delivery framework that will enable the efficient and sustainable delivery of water and sewerage services in Nairobi. *The grant was signed on 25 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 49618. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required for financial, technical and human resources work, legal and transaction advisory services, financial and technical audits, technical assistance for water resources assessment, engineering studies and design, demand and investment analysis, and environmental and social assessments. National Water Services Board, PO Box 49720, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 215-680, 244-477, 222-455, Fax: (254-20) 215-680, E-mail: kinyori@todays.co.ke, Contact: Patrick Kinyori; Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company, PO Box 30656, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 210-968, 552-080, 541-850, Fax: (254-20) 214-780, Contact: Eng. Lawrence Musyoka

### Lesotho

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) HIV/AIDS Capacity Building and Technical Assistance (H113-LSO):** The project will provide capacity building and technical assistance to implement the grant from the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria. Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87843. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Box 395, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266-22) 316-404, Fax: (266-22) 310-622, E-mail: Macasm@finance.gov.ls, Contact: Mr. McKaskill

**Health Sector Reform (Phase II):** The objective of the project, the second phase of a three-phase APL, is to achieve a sustainable increase in access to quality preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care services. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76658. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required with expertise in physical planning, architecture, human resources and health insurance. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, PO Box 514, Maseru 100, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-7976, Fax: (266) 2231-0279, E-mail: hpsuhis@lesoff.co.za, makhakhem@planning.health.gov.ls, Contact: Mrs. Majoe Makhakhe

#### Law and Justice

**Public Sector Improvement and Reform:** The project, first phase of an APL, aims at (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 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 65731. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government Office, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-1000, Fax: (266) 2232-0578, Contact: Ms. M. Lebesa, Principal Secretary

#### Transportation

**Integrated Transport Program:** The project aims at continuing reform of the road sub-sector initiated by the Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project, but in the context of a more comprehensive approach to the transportation sector at large. It will support economic growth and poverty reduction through provision of sustainable transportation infrastructure, affordable transportation services and reliable access of isolated areas and the poor to markets, services and opportunities. Appraisal is scheduled for November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75566. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for work on administrative, accounting, financial and operational manuals, a financial system, institutional reform and a transport data study. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, PO Box 1283, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-6269, Fax: (266) 2231-0508, E-mail: kolane@mopwt.gov.ls, Contact: Mr. Mathibeli, Principal Secretary

### Water and Sanitation

**Water Sector Improvement:** The objective of the project is to secure sustainable, adequate and clean water supply and appropriate wastewater services for consumers living in the Lowland areas. Board presentation is scheduled for 14 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 56418. US\$ 17.5 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Natural Resources, Department of Water Affairs, Contact: Mr. Emmanuel Lesoma, Director; Water and Sewerage Authority, PO Box 426, Maseru, 100 Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-2449, 317-516, Fax: (266) 2231-0006, 310-437, E-mail: makhoalibe@wasa.co.ls, dwa@ilesotho.com, Contacts: S. Makhoalibe, Chief Executive, M.P. Leroitholi, Engineering Director

### Madagascar

#### Energy and Mining

**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: 74659. US\$ 148.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mines, BP 896, 101 Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 224-0770, Fax: (261-20) 223-2554, E-mail: decoor@dts.mg, Contact: Mr. Rodolphe Ramanantsoa, Director of Energy; JIRAMA, BP 200, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-0031, Fax: (261-20) 223-3806, E-mail: jirdg@dts.mg, Contact: Mr. Desire Rasidy, General Manager

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Second Health (Supplemental):** The objective of the project is to improve the health status of the population through more accessible and better quality health services. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88729. US\$ 22.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. UGP Projet CRESAN, Immeuble Maison de La Reunion, Isoraka, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 225-5323, Fax: (261-20) 225-6976, E-mail: ugpcresan@simicro.mg, Contact: Mr. Paul Richard Ralainirina, Coordonnateur National du Projet

#### Private Sector Development

**Integrated Growth Poles:** The project will support accelerated growth in selected regions with high economic potential by providing an appropriate infrastructure platform based on the needs expressed by the private sector and evaluated by the Bank to remove the main bottlenecks to investment. A decision meeting is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83351. US\$ 125.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère des Travaux Publics et de l'Aménagement du Territoire (MTTPAT), BP 3378, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 223-5612, Fax: (261-20) 222-0890, E-mail: dps@mttpat.gov.mg, Contact: Mr. Freddie Mahazoasy, Directeur, Prospective et Strategie

#### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support I:** The objectives of the project are to improve public expenditure management, reduce corruption and promote human development through improved service delivery in education and nutrition. Board presentation was scheduled for 20 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 70999. US\$ 37.0 (IDA). *Consultants will be required.* Vice Primature chargée des programmes économiques, BP 295, Anosy, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-9551, E-mail: dgpa@mttpat.gov.mg, Contact: Mr. Boun Baylatry, Directeur General, Direction Generale de la Planification des Investissements et de la Coordination de la Politique des Agences

#### Rural Development

**(R) Watershed and Irrigation Improvement:** The objective of the project is to stimulate inclusive rural growth through intensification and diversification in three regions with high potential for agricultural development, while promoting sustainable use of infrastructure and soil and water resources. Project Concept Review completed. *Decision meeting is scheduled for April 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for the project prepara-

ration. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Tel: (261-20) 222-7227, E-mail: maep.mi@wanadoo.mg, Contact: Mr. Harison Rarinarimanana, Minister

### Social Protection

**Community Development Fund (Supplemental):** The objective of the project is to rebuild communities hardest hit by the cyclone. Board presentation was scheduled for 20 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88978. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Fonds d'Intervention pour le Developpement, Tel: (261-20) 223-6150, Fax: (261-20) 223-3606, Contact: Mr. Davida Rajaon

## Malawi

### Education

**Education Sector Support:** The objective of the project is to improve teacher education and quality at primary, secondary and tertiary levels. Preappraisal is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 32.2 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Lilongwe, Malawi

### Energy and Mining

**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

**Infrastructure Services:** The project will address prioritized service delivery in the water and sanitation, electricity, transportation, and telecommunications sectors. Interventions in selected districts will support the government's Poverty Reduction and Economic Growth strategy and will be coordinated across sectors with a view to significantly enhancing production and productivity, notably in agriculture but also in tourism and mining. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57761. US\$ 40.0/3.0 (IDA/GEF). Cofinancing of US\$ 5.0 is anticipated from the Nordic Development Fund. Consultants will be required for feasibility studies, institutional arrangements and private sector participation. Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, Tel: (265-1) 796-686, Fax: (265-1) 788-247, Contact: Mrs. Fanny M'bawa, Director

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Health Sector Support:** The objective of the project is to establish, through a health sector-wide approach, a health delivery system responsive to people's needs, by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of health services, and providing a minimum package of essential health services, with an emphasis on reaching the poor, women, and children. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for August 2004. Retroactive financing is expected. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, PO Box 30377, Capital City, Lilongwe 3, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-400, Fax: (265-1) 789-431, E-mail: health@malawi.gov.mw, Contact: Dr. Richard Pendame, Permanent Secretary

### Public Sector Governance

**Fiscal Management and Accelerating Growth Program (Cr. 3881-MAI):** The objective of the project is to deepen the implementation of structural reforms already begun and lay the basis for generating growth. Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 April 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 72395. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 30049, Lilongwe 2 Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-355, Fax: (265-1) 789-173, E-mail: finance@malawi.gov.mw, Mr. P. E. Chilambe

### Rural Development

**(R) Community-Based Rural Land Development (H081-MAI):** 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. *The grant was signed on 30 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75247. US\$ 27.0 (IDA Grant). 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

**Rural Livelihoods, Irrigation, and Agricultural Development:** The objective of the project is to raise smallholder productivity and thus advance the commercialization of agriculture. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84148. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Food Security, PO Box 30134, Capital Hill, Capital City, Lilongwe 3 Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-033, Fax: (265-1) 789-218, Contact: Mr. C. J. Matabwa, Principal Secretary

## Mali

### Education

**(R) Development Learning Center (H090-MLI):** The project will provide access to high-quality training and the most up-to-date information through state-of-the-art distance learning communications technology. The objective is to test the viability of a distance learning institution and will test the ability of this approach to accessing international knowledge to: (i) build capacity, and (ii) help coordinate all the local training institutions in regards to the national capacity building policy. *The grant was signed on 17 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82187. US\$ 2.5 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Quartier du Fleuve, BP 234, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 225-726/225-858, Fax: (223) 220-192, Contact: Mr. Bakary Koniba Traoré, Project Coordinator

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(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. *Board presentation was scheduled for August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 52402. US\$ 5.5 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, BP 2382, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 224-3603/1383, Tel/Fax: (223) 224-1383, E-mail: biodiver@malinet.ml, Hamid Ag Mohamid Lamine; Direction Nationale de la Conservation de la Nature, BP 275, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 233-3685/97, Fax: (223) 223-3696, E-mail: conservationnature@datatech.net.ml, Contact: Mr. Felix Dacko, Project Coordinator

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Multi-Sectoral HIV/AIDS (H099-MLI):** The objective of the project is to reverse the trend of the HIV/AIDS epidemic through strengthened policymaking and implementation capacity, increased awareness, voluntary testing to prevent new infections, and increased access to treatment and care. *The grant was signed on 24 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82957. US\$ 25.5 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. President's Office. National High Commission on HIV/AIDS, Bamako, Mali, E-mail: msene@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Malick Sene, Project Coordinator

### Private Sector Development

**Growth Support:** The objective of the project is to increase private sector-led growth in selected sectors through (a) better business environment and direct support services, (b) targeted investment and export promotion activities, (c) enhancement of the socio-economic impact of the mining sector, (d) better access to and efficiency of telecommunications and postal services, and (e) enhanced economic opportunities in tourism and handicrafts. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 80935. US\$ 55.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Centre National de Pro-



motion des Investissements, BP 1980, Bamako, Mali, E-mail: [cnpi@spider.toolnet.org](mailto:cnpi@spider.toolnet.org), Contact: Mr. Oumar Dia, Director General

### Rural Development

**Agricultural Competitiveness and Diversification:** The objectives of the project are to (a) restore and improve the performances of the cotton sector, and (b) increase and diversify rural households' revenues through the expansion of marketed quantities of selected high-value agricultural and livestock products. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81704. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, BP 61, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-2979/2785, Fax: (223) 223-1023, Contact: Mr. Bakary Sekou Coulibaly, Technical Adviser

**Rural Community-Based Development:** The objective of the project is to reduce rural poverty and improve the living conditions of people in rural areas through *community empowerment* and social, economic and environmental investments. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40653. US\$ 45.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development and Environment, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-1589, 223-3595, Fax: (223) 222-1590, Contact: Mr. Sékou Maïga, Project Coordinator

### Mauritania

#### Education

**(R) Higher Education:** The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the quality of learning, teaching and research through development of an adequate academic infrastructure with appropriate pedagogical support systems; (b) improve efficiency in resource utilization and enhance the financial sustainability of public higher education institutions; (c) provide access to modern scientific and advanced technological facilities; and (d) enhance higher education curriculum development and delivery in response to the demands of the labor market. Board presentation was scheduled for *August 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87180. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development, BP 238, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222) 529-2767, Fax: (222) 525-1513, E-mail: [hawk@dpef.mr](mailto:hawk@dpef.mr), Contact: Dr. Kamil Hamoud Abdelwedoud, Director of Education/Training Projects

#### Public Sector Governance

**Public Sector Capacity Building:** The objectives of the project are to (a) provide civil works, equipment, training and technical support; (b) mainstream the environment into development to enable effective coordination of environmental planning and management, and help integrate environmental concerns in the social and economic development process, and better define the roles of public and private sectors; and (c) decentralize the program for strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Interior and in particular the Directorate for Local Authorities to play an effective role in coordinating and sustaining communal development and reinforcing the administrative capacity of provincial and local governments. Appraisal mission is scheduled for November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82888. US\$ 17.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development, BP 238, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222) 525-3776, E-mail: [mhdabba@toptechology.mr](mailto:mhdabba@toptechology.mr), Contact: Mr. Mohamed Ould Abba, Counsellor

#### Water and Sanitation

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

### Mozambique

#### Economic Management

**(R) First Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 3950-MOZ):** The objective of the project is to build on recent reforms and support implementation of the government's Action Plan for the Reduction of Absolute Poverty (PARPA). *Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 July 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 75805. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). *No consultants are required*. Minister of Planning, Maputo, Mozambique

#### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Transfrontier Conservation Areas and Tourism Development:** The project builds on earlier projects aimed at taking advantage of unique opportunities in biodiversity conservation, tourism and rural development. The main objective is to obtain sustainable livelihood and economic development benefits from the well-managed exploitation of the country's natural resources. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76809. US\$ 10.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. TFCA Unit, Ministry of Tourism, Ave. 25 de Setembro, 1018, PO Box 614, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 420-979, Fax: (258-1) 306-212, Contact: Dr. Bartolomeu Soto, Head

#### Finance

**Financial Sector Technical Assistance:** The objective of the project is to improve the soundness and efficiency, reach and depth of the Mozambican financial system so that it can fulfill its role of contributing to economic growth and poverty reduction by strengthening banking supervision, developing a more robust payment system, improving the lending environment, strengthening the monetary framework and expanding financial services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86169. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Central Bank of Mozambique, Av. 25 de Setembro 1679, Maputo, Tel: (258-1) 423-384, Fax: (258-1) 421-912, Contact: H.E. Adriano Afonso Maleiane, Governor

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

**HIV/AIDS Response (H030-MOZ):** The objective of the project is to combat sexually transmitted diseases, particularly HIV/AIDS, by slowing the spread of the infection and mitigating its effects through prevention and care. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 28 March 2003*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78053. US\$ 55.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Executive Secretariat, National Council to Combat HIV/AIDS, Rua Antonio Bocarro 106/144, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 495-396, Fax: (258-1) 495-395, E-mail: [janet@virconn.com](mailto: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](mailto:ffsongane@teledata.co.mz), Contact: Dr. Francisco Songane, Minister of Health

#### Transportation

**Beira Railway:** The objective of the project is to (a) make cost effective and efficient transport available for the freight and passenger traffic in the central region and the neighboring countries of Malawi and Zimbabwe; and (ii) improve the operational and financial sustainability of the Beira railways system. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82618. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. CFM, Caixa Postal 2158, Praca dos Trabalhadores, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 431-706, Fax: (258-1) 313-364, Contact: Mr. Rui Fonseca

### Namibia

#### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Promoting Environmental Sustainability Through Improved Land Use Planning:** The project aims at developing an adaptive management framework to guide policy and investment decisions for integrated land use at local, regional and national levels. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 1.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Private Bag 13306, Windhoek, Namibia, Tel: (264-61) 284-2185, Fax: (264-61) 284-2216, E-mail:

malan.1@mweb.com.na, Contact: Dr. Malan Lindeque, Permanent Secretary

## Nigeria

### Public Sector Governance

**Civil Service Renewal:** The project aims at modernizing and reforming the rules governing the conduct of civil servants. Appraisal mission was scheduled for 19 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88150. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance

**Statistical Capacity Development:** The objective of the project is to enhance the capacity of the government's statistics gathering and analysis operations. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Office of Statistics

### Transportation

**Rural Access and Mobility:** The objective of the project is to assist participating states and local government councils sustainably to improve access and mobility in their rural areas. Appraisal is scheduled for May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be needed for project preparation. Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Michael Okpara Way, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 523-8463/8466, Contact: Engr. (Mrs.) E. Okeke, Director, Rural Development

### Urban Development

**(R) Lagos Metropolitan Development:** The project aims at improving livability in Lagos through support for urban upgrading, drainage, and sanitation; it also aims at improving urban management through reforms in select agencies, innovative pilots to support reforms and training for building capacity. *Appraisal is scheduled for March 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71340. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation. Lagos State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, the Secretariat, Alausa, Lagos, Nigeria, Tel: (234-1) 4969-0309, Contact: Hon. Commissioner, Olayemi Cardoso

### Water and Sanitation

**Lagos Water Sector Restructuring:** The objective of the project is to improve and expand the potable water supply and sewer systems for Lagos. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 71391. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation, including legal, financial, engineering and environmental work. Lagos State Water Corporation, Water House Headquarters, Ijora, Lagos, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 774-3013, E-mail: olawale@coker.metrong.com, Contact: Mr. Olumuyiwa Coker, CEO

**National Urban Water Sector Reform (Cr. 3924-UNI):** The project will support reforms and the development of appropriate sector policies through support to the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and selected State Water Authorities. Up to six states, competitively selected against agreed performance criteria, will be supported to facilitate private sector participation in their urban water supply systems, rehabilitation of existing systems and network expansion. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71075. US\$ 120.0 (IDA). Consultants for preparation activities have been selected, but consultants also will be needed in 2004 for further engineering, legal and financial work. Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Area 1, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-2205, Fax: (234-9) 234-2895, E-mail: abubakar@infoweb.abs.net, nwater@hotmail.com, Contact: Engr. M. A. K. Abubakar, Director, Water Supply

## Regional

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Reversal of Land and Water Degradation Trends in the Niger River Basin:** The objective of the project is to build capacity within the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) and its national committees, to address transboundary water and environmental management issues and better achieve its mandate of managing land and water resources in the greater conventional basin of Lake Chad. This will be

achieved inter alia through a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis, policy initiatives, strengthened engagement of stakeholders, pilot projects and a Strategic Action Plan for management of the basin. Country participants are Cameroun, Central African Republic, Chad, Niger and Nigeria. Approved by the Executive Directors on 20 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70256. 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; Lake Chad Basin Commission, BP 727, N,Djamena Chad, Tel: (235) 524-145, Fax: (235) 524-137, E-mail: lcbc@intnet.ltd, Contact: Muhammad Sani Adamu, Executive Secretary

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) HIV/AIDS Treatment Acceleration Program H104-MOZ, H105-GH, H106-BUR, H108-RAF, H109-RAF):** The objective of the project is to finance treatment provided by international or domestic NGOs, often in collaboration with other NGOs, associations or private sector entities. It will finance their scaling up existing programs further into low-income areas. The program includes training activities to build national capacity in HIV/AIDS treatment. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82613. US\$ 20.8/14.9/18.1/2.0/4.0 (IDA Grants to Mozambique/Ghana/Burkina Faso/ UNECA/WHO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 30, BP 7035, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; Ministry of Health, PO Box M 44, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 666-151, Fax: (233-21) 663-810, Dr. Kwaku Afriyie, Minister; Ministry of Health, Caixa Postal 264, Maputo, Mozambique, (258-1) 313-389, Fax: (258-1) 427-133, E-mail: ffsongane@teledata.co.mz, Dr. Francisco Songane, Minister

## Rwanda

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Integrated Management of Critical Ecosystems:** The objective of the project is to rehabilitate farmed wetlands. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70700. US\$ 4.3 (GEF). No consultants are required. Ministry of Land, Environment, Forest, Water and Natural Resources, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 517-563, Fax: (250) 85057, Contact: Bishangara Cyprien, Director, Environment Division

### Law and Justice

**(R) Public Sector Capacity Building (Cr. 3955-RW):** The objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of central government entities to perform more efficiently, effectively, transparently and accountably. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 66386. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, PO Box 158, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 577-494, 501-998, Fax: (250) 577-581, E-mail: msin@rwanda1.com, mscbpsecretariat@mscbp.rw, Contact: Charles Karake, Acting Facilitator of PSCBP

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**Decentralization and Community Development (H094-RW):** The objective of the project is to stabilize and expand the capacity of local governments and communities to identify and secure financing for their development priorities. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74102. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Local Government, PO Box 3445, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 87285, Contact: Mr. Adolph Shyaka, Coordinator of Project Preparation

## São Tomé and Príncipe

### Education

**Social Sector Support (Cr. 3902-STP, H088-STP):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 18 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75979. US\$ 5.0/1.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry

of Planning and Finance, Largo das Alfandegas, C.P. 374, Sao Tome, Tel: (239) 224-696, Fax: (239) 222-121, E-mail: bruzaca@portugal-mail.pt, Contact: Mr. Aires Bruzaca, Coordinator, Ministry of Education and Culture; Federation of NGOs (FONG), C.P. 234, Sao Tome, Tel: (239) 224-792, Fax: (239) 233-63, Email: zadil@cstome.net, Contact: Mr. Tomé Santos, President

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Governance Capacity Building:** The objective is to strengthen economic management and the corresponding human capacity of the civil service. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for September 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83400. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Planning, Sao Tome City, Sao Tome and Principe, Tel: (239) 225-792, Fax: (239) 222-182, E-mail: genocosta@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Genoveva Costa, Director of the cabinet of the Minister of Finance and Planning; PIU of the project, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Sao Tome City, Sao Tome and Principe, Tel: (239) 222-372, Fax: (239) 222-182, E-mail: aguivar@yahoo.com, Contact: Mrs. Angela Santiago, Project Coordinator

## Senegal

### Economic Management

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support:** The objective of the project is to provide budgetary support to implement the government's poverty reduction strategy. *Appraisal completed.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74065. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). *Consultants will be required for implementation.* Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cellule de suivi et de lutte contre la pauvreté (CSPLP), Tel: (221) 889-2166, Fax: (221) 301-851, Contact: M. Thierno Niane, Chef de la CSPLP

### Energy and Mining

**(R) Electricity Efficiency Enhancement:** The objective of the project is to improve efficiency in the power sector and meet increasing demand for electricity. *Preappraisal mission completed.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73477. US\$ 67.0 (IDA). Consultants may be required for transmission and distribution engineering. Cellule de Préparation et de Suivi des Réformes du Secteur de l'Energie, BP 4037, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 821-1611, Fax: (221) 821-1608, E-mail: cprse@telecomplus.sn, Contact: M. Amadou Diagne, Directeur de Cabinet, Ministère de l'Energie et des Mines

**(R) Electricity Services for Rural Areas:** The objective of the project is to increase sustainable provision of basic electricity services and the associated social and economic benefits in rural regions. *Appraisal and negotiations completed.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PIDs: 70530, 85708. US\$ 31.9/5.0 (IDA/GEF). A PPF advance is in use for preparation. Cofinancing is expected from AfDB and KfW (US\$ 12.7), the government (US\$ 3.5), and private sector (US\$ 5.2). Consultants will be required for monitoring project implementation. Agence Sénégalaise de l'Électrification Rurale, Ex Camp Lat Dior, BP 11, 131 Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 849-4717, Fax: (221) 849-4720, E-mail: aserdg@sentoo.sn, Contact: M. Aliou Niang, Directeur Général

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(R) Integrated Marine and Coastal Resource Management:** The objective of the project is to increase sustainable development and management of coastal and marine resources in three pilot areas through responsible exploitation of these resources and protection of the ecosystems and ecological processes critical for their replenishment. *Negotiations were scheduled for late July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 58367, 86480. US\$ 10.0/5.0 (IDA/GEF). The biodiversity component will be funded mainly by GEF. The sustainable fisheries component will be funded by IDA. A PPF advance has been approved. A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.5 has been approved. Consultants have been recruited locally. Studies by local consultants funded by a PDF B grant are completed. Expressions of interest for studies to be funded under the PHRD grant have been received, and consultant firms have been selected for three of the studies. Ministère de l'Environnement et de l'Assainissement, BP 4055, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 851-0157, Fax: (221) 824-3775, E-mail: biomarine@sentoo.sn, tropica@sentoo.sn, Contact: Mr. Mbarak Diop, Project Coordinator, C/o Department of National Parks

## Rural Development

**Agricultural Markets and Agribusiness Development:** The objective of the project is to improve the competitiveness of the country's agriculture for domestic and international markets, by implementing export promotion strategies, developing agricultural market facilities and services, and promoting medium- and small-scale private irrigation. Preappraisal mission has been rescheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83609. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). A PPF advance has been approved. Cofinancing is expected with Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and EU. Agricultural export and irrigation related studies are under way through CIDA and AFD financing. Consultants will be required. Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Hydraulique, Building Administratif, 5ème étage, Dakar, Sénégal, Tel: (221) 823-8863, Fax: (221) 823-3268, E-mail: serigne.amas@sentoo.sn, Contact: Dr. Oumou Khary Seck, CT2/MAH

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**(R) Casamance Emergency Reconstruction Support:** The objective of the project is to support the restoration of the Casamance region to normal social and economic activities and prepare it for future development programs. *Negotiations were scheduled for 2 August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69207. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). A PPF advance has been approved. A PHRD grant is financing environmental studies and a resettlement policy framework. Consultants have been hired to prepare the government multi-donors and multi-sectoral program. Ministry of Economy and Finance/Direction de la Coopération, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 882-3562, Fax: (221) 822-1267, E-mail: bobossn@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Moustapha Ba, Adjoint au Directeur de la Coopération

## Sierra Leone

### Energy and Mining

**(N) Power and Water (Cr. 3945-SL):** The objective of the project is to improve sustainable access to essential power, rural water supply and sanitation and urban solid waste management services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87203. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Power, Electricity House, Siaka Stevens St., Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 222-669, Fax: (232-22) 228-199, Contact: Emmanuel O. Grant, Minister

## Swaziland

### Energy and Mining

**Energizing Rural Transformation:** The objective of the project is to expand rural and peri-urban access to electricity, telephone and internet on a commercial basis in order to enhance the climate for rural development and job creation. Following on reforms in the power and telecomm sectors, the project will support establishment of new sector structures, including a Rural Access Trust Fund and sectoral regulators, as well as investments for grid and off-grid electricity and telecommunications infrastructure. Appraisal mission was scheduled for July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77179. US\$ 20.0/3.1 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, PO Box 602, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (268) 404-3765/8, Fax: (268) 404-8144, E-mail: psmepe@africa.sz, Contact: Ephraim Hlopho

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Biodiversity Conservation and Participatory Development:** The project will introduce a landscape/ecosystem management approach to achieving biodiversity conservation and sustainable economic development in two "biodiversity and tourism corridors" that are large enough to encompass important biological and ecological functions and to provide a critical mass of tourism attractions and opportunities for private sector investment. The corridors are across the northern and eastern parts of the country. Appraisal is scheduled for October/November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 68975. US\$ 1.0/5.5 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Communication, PO Box 2652, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (268) 404-6420, Fax: (268) 404-6438;

Ministry of Economic Development and Planning, PO Box 602, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (268) 404-3765, Fax: (268) 404-2157; Swaziland Environment Authority, PO Box 100, Lobamba, Swaziland, Tel/Fax: (268) 416-3351, E-mail: seabiodiv@realnet.co.sz, Contact: Jameson Vilakati, Director of Environment

### Urban Development

**Local Government:** The project aims at building on the targeted assistance provided by the earlier Urban Development Project (Ln. 3807-SW) to address the capacity building and resource mobilization needs of all tiers of local government, including cities, towns, peri-urban areas and rural service centers. The objective is to provide flexible support to meet the needs of each tier on a demand driven basis. The project will also aim at completing a set of overarching policy reforms needed to enable responsive, sustainable and transparent local governance and service delivery throughout the country. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, PO Box 1832, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (268) 404-1741, Fax: (268) 404-4085, E-mail: minhouse@realnet.sz, Contact: Mr. Mbuso Dlamini, Principal Secretary

## Tanzania

### Education

**Secondary Education (Cr. 3915-TA, H093-TA):** The objectives of the project are to (a) improve the learning outcome of students in the secondary education system, (b) increase the proportion of children completing high school, and (c) enable public administrators to manage the secondary school system more effectively. Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83080. US\$ 123.6/26.4 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Education and Culture, Magogoni Rd., PO Box 9121, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 212-2067, Fax: (255-22) 211-3271, Mrs. M. Malale, Permanent Secretary

### Energy and Mining

**(N) Energizing Rural Transformation:** The objective of the project is to bolster incomes generated and jobs created in rural and peri-urban areas by increasing access to electricity and information and communication technology for households, enterprises and social facilities in those areas. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Maji Bldg., Sokoine Dr. and Mwepu St., PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-7156/7/8/9, 213-1192/3/4, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790

**Emergency Power Supply (Cr. 3916-TA):** The objective of the project is to provide continuation of power in the event of natural disasters or other causes of unanticipated power outages. Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74624. US\$ 43.8 (IDA). Consultants will be needed to convert the IPTL (Independent Power Tanzania Ltd.) from fuel oil to gas. Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Maji Bldg., Corner of Sokoine Dr. and Mwepu St., PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-7156/9, 213-1192/4, Fax: (255-22) 117-790, Mr. Patrick Rutanzibwa, Permanent Secretary

### Law and Justice

**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. Preappraisal mission is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70544. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for studies, analysis, system design and documentation, training, document preparation, technical assistance and architectural expertise. Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Tel: (255-22) 211-1151, Fax: (255-22) 113-239; E-mail: jlegalsec@africaonline.co.tz, Contact: Mr. K. Massaba, Permanent Secretary and Deputy Attorney General

### Public Sector Governance

**(N) Poverty Reduction Support Supplemental (Cr. 32721):** The supplemental credit is part of the ongoing Fifth Dimension program under which countries no longer eligible for IBRD loans are enabled

to repay their debt service from prior IBRD loans. Approved by the Regional vice president on 29 June 2004. The credit was disbursed and closed on 30 June 2004. US\$ 0.2 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 9111, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-1174, Fax: (255-22) 211-0326

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support II:** The objectives of the project are to (a) reduce the breadth and depth of income poverty, (b) improve the quality of life and social well-being and (c) create an environment that is sustainably conducive to development. *Board presentation was scheduled for 29 July 2004* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 74073. US\$ 60.0/90.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.4 was approved to finance preparation. Consulting services will not be required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 9111, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-1174/1208, Fax: (255-22) 211-0326, Contact: Mr. Peniel Lyimo, Permanent Secretary

### Transportation

**Central Transport Corridor Roads (Cr. 3888-TA):** The objective of the project is to rehabilitate the highest priority arteries in the Central Transport Corridor and improve institutional capacity to manage the road program and its assets and services on a more commercial basis. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 April 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78387. US\$ 122.0 (IDA). An IDA Guarantee of US\$ 40.0 was also approved for the project. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Communications and Transport, PO Box 1516, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 213-7650/9, Fax: (255-22) 211-2751

## Togo

### Energy and Mining

**Energy Sector Investment (Power V):** The project will support privatized distribution utility and reinforcement and expansion of the transmission and distribution systems, and creating the environment for private sector power generation. Appraisal mission has been rescheduled for February 2006. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 41277. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants are required for (a) institutional reinforcement and engineering and preparation of bid documents; and (b) technical assistance. Togo Electricité, 426 Av. du Golfe, BP 42, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-2744, Fax: (228) 221-6498, Contact: M. Marc Ducommun-Ricoux, Directeur Général; Communauté Electrique du Bénin (CEB), Rue de la Kozah, BP 1368, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-5796, Fax: (228) 221-3764, Contact: M. Cyr M'Po Kouagou, Directeur Général

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**HIV/AIDS Emergency Response:** The objective of the project is to build up effective activities in the prevention of HIV infection and care of people living with AIDS as part of a Region-wide effort. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71634. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Conseil national de lutte contre le SIDA et les infections sexuellement transmissibles (National AIDS Country Council - NACC), PO Box 13146, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 262-717, Fax: (228) 218-941, Contact: Dr. Kpante Bassabi

## Uganda

### Energy and Mining

**Power Sector 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. Concept review has been delayed. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 8.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support 4:** The project will support implementation of the Poverty Eradication Action Plan (PEAP) as summarized in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP). The project aims at (a) improving basic service delivery; and (b) supporting rural development. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for*

2 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74082. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Finance Bldg., Nile Ave., PO Box 8147, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 235-051/9, Fax: (256-41) 23016

### Law and Justice

**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 8 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 50440. US\$ 70.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for (a) capacity building and training, (b) good governance, (c) human resources development, and (d) management and public service reform. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, PO 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

### Private Sector Development

**(R) Private Sector Export Competitiveness 2:** The objective is to improve the competitiveness of the private sector in international and regional export markets. *Board presentation is scheduled for 2 September 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83809. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Finance Bldg., Nile Ave., PO Box 8147, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 235-051/9, Fax: (256-41) 230-163; Private Sector Foundation, Tel: (256-41) 230-956

### Transportation

**(R) Road Development Program Phase 3:** The objective of the project is to upgrade main roads to paved standard and selected feeder roads to main roads standard. The project will also include construction of a new road agency headquarters building and rehabilitation and regravelling of the Atiak-Moyo Road. *Board presentation is scheduled for 2 September 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 74079. US\$ 67.6/40.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Works, Housing and communications, Airport Road, PO Box 10, Entebbe, Uganda, Tel: (256-42) 320-101/9, 322-803, Fax: (256-42) 320-135

## Zambia

### Energy and Mining

**Increased Access to Electricity and ICT Services:** The objective of the project is to expand access to electricity, telephone and internet services in rural areas. Project has been identified and preparations are under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77425. US\$ 24.0/8.0/2.5 (IDA/GEF/PCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Water Development, PO Box 36079, Lusaka 10101 Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 251-337, Fax: (260-1) 254-491, 252-339, E-mail: doe@zanment.zm, Contact: W. Serenje, Director, Department of Energy

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(R) Securing the Environment for Economic Development Biodiversity:** The project aims at stimulating diversified economic growth and private investment in tourism, agribusiness and non-traditional gemstone mining. *Board presentation was scheduled for 3 August 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74258. US\$ 4.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, PO Box 50062, Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 253-512, Fax: (260-1) 251-078, Contact: Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, Secretary to the Treasury

### Private Sector Development

**(R) Support to Economic Expansion and Diversification Tourism:** The objective of the project is 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 the country's extensive

cultural, natural and wildlife assets. *Board presentation was scheduled for 3 August 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71407. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required during preparation. Ministry of Tourism, PO Box 30575, Electra House, Cairo Road, Lusaka, 10101, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 227-645/647, Fax: (260-1) 222-189, Contact: Mr. John Chiluwe, Project Coordinator

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Public Service Capacity Building Phase 2:** The objective of the project is to refine and accelerate the public sector reform process with a particular focus on improving public expenditure management, accountability and transparency and, (2) implement critical supportive system-wide and management capacity building policy reform developed under Phase 1. *Board presentation was scheduled for 15 July 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 19.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Public Sector Capacity Building, Tel: (260-1) 251-356, E-mail: picu@zamtel.zm, Contact: Mr. Moses Kondowe, Director

**Economic Management and Growth:** The purpose of the project is to provide balance of payments assistance in support of economic reforms. Board presentation is scheduled for 16 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 40.0 (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

### Rural Development

**Agricultural Development Support:** The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the productivity of smallholder agriculture production systems in a sustainable manner; thereby contributing to improvements in food security and incomes; (b) support agricultural research to be more competitive and results-oriented, strengthen decentralized extension services at the district, block and camp levels in target areas; and strengthen smallholders in farming communities through capacity building and with agricultural infrastructure in targeted areas and (c) strengthen the capacity of selected agricultural institutions in policy analysis, program implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 25 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70063. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Mulungushi House, Independence Ave., PO Box 50197, Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 253-933, Fax: (260-1) 253-532, Contact: Mr. N.J. Kwendakwema, Permanent Secretary

### Water and Sanitation

**Support to Water Reform:** The objective of the project is to ensure that water sector resources are effectively and efficiently used to contribute to poverty reduction. Preappraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71259. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Local Government and Housing, Tel: (260-1) 253-643, 250-345, Fax: (260-1) 252-204; Ministry of Energy and Water Development; Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company; other utilities in Lusaka and Copperbelt Provinces

## Zimbabwe

### Health, Nutrition and Population

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

**National Health Strategy Support:** The project will support (a) decentralization of the health sector and a public/private mix on health financing issues; (b) provision of drugs and medical supplies; (c) pre-

ventive and curative care for reproductive health; and (d) strengthening of human resources. Project preparation is on hold due to the country situation. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 3325. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, I-4th Floor, Kaguvi Bldg., 4th St./Central Ave., Causeway, PO Box CY 1122, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 727-951, Fax: (263-4) 702-293, E-mail: pmufhpi@healthnet.zw, Contact: Dr. D. Dhlakama, Director, Technical Support Unit

### Law and Justice

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

**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: 3306. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Local Government and National Housing, Private Bag 7706, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 790-601, Fax: (263-4) 708-943, Contact: Mr. S. Chakaipa, Deputy Secretary

### Transportation

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

**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 on hold. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40634. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants 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, Contact: Mr. Nelson Kudenga, Director of Roads

## East Asia and Pacific

### Cambodia

#### Education

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

**Higher Education:** The objective of the project is to produce better skilled university graduates by improving the quality and market relevance of higher education. The project will invest in management train-

ing, libraries, connectivity, staff development, and organizational development (e.g., accreditation systems, credit transfer arrangements, financial management, student financial aid systems, etc.). Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70666. US\$ 25.8 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, 169 Norodom Blvd., (cnr. St. 310), Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 217-937, Fax: (855-23) 844-276, E-mail: higheredu@bigpond.com.kh, Contact: H.E. Pok Than, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

### Energy and Mining

**(R) Rural Electrification (Cr. 3840-KH):** The objective of the project is to improve energy sector efficiency, rural standards of living and the enabling environment. Credit signing is tentatively scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64844. US\$ 40.0/5.7 (IDA/GEF). A PPF advance of US\$ 0.3 was approved in October 2001. Consultants 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

**Poverty Reduction Support:** The objective of the project is to support key policy measures of the government's National Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (NPRS), which was completed in 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 mid-May 2005. 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 Sokmunny, Chief, World Bank Division

**Public Financial Management:** This project will assist the government to improve the credibility of the budget, enhance accountability of budget managers, and strengthen the linkage between pro-poor policy and budgets. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, No. 60, Daun Penh (St. 92), Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 428-960, Fax: (855-23) 427-298/430-960, E-mail: mefcg@hotmail.com, Contact: Dr. Aun Porn Moniroth, Secretary General

### Rural Development

**(R) Flood Management Irrigation and Rural Development:** The objective of the project is to improve irrigation, drainage systems and flood management as well as overall water resources management in selected river basins. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing Agency to be determined

**State Land Management and Social Land Concession:** This project will transfer good quality agricultural land to poor landless farmers for social and economic development. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Land Management and Administration, 771 Monivong Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel/Fax: (855-23) 211-354, E-mail: lmap@camnet.comkh, Contact: Mr. Sar Sovann, Project Director

## China

### Economic Management

**Economic Reform Implementation:** The objective of the project is to promote China's economic reform and development by providing technical assistance for implementing agreed reform strategies. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Sanlihe, Xicheng District, Beijing, China 100820, Tel: (86-10) 6855-1208, Fax: (86-10) 6855-1125, E-mail: fy.liu@mof.gov.cn, Contact: Ms. Liu Fangyu, Director of Technical Assistance Division

### Energy and Mining

**(R) 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 project brief was approved by the GEF Council at its May 2001 meeting. Preappraisal mission completed. Appraisal mission is scheduled for November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 67825. US\$ 50.0/40.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants have been hired, financed by GEF PDF Block C and PHRD grants. GoC/WB Gef Renewable Energy Scale-up Program Project Management Office, B1718 Guohong Mansion, Muxidi Beilijia 11, Xicheng Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6390-8566, Fax: (86-10) 6390-8568, E-mail: Zhoufq@public3.bta.net.cn, Contact: Mr. Zhou Fengqi, Director, Project Management Office

**Heat Reform and Building Energy Efficiency:** The objective of the project is to achieve in eight years a combination of heat reform and energy efficiency measures to be implemented by municipalities, but with the central government as the overall counterpart. Appraisal mission is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 72721. US\$ 15.0-18.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Construction, Bai Wan Zhuang, Beijing, China 100835, Fax: (86-10) 6839-4530, Contact: Mr. Wu Yong, Deputy Director, Department of Science and Technology

**Yantai Integrated Gasification and Combined Cycle:** The objective of the project is to develop a long-term strategy to gradually achieve zero-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from coal-fired power generation by constructing, commissioning, operating, demonstrating and replicating a green-field 300-400 MW IGCC plant at Yantai, Shandong Province. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71439. US\$15.0-18.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. State Grid Corporation of China, 86 Xi Chang'an Ave., Beijing, China, Fax: (86-10) 6659-8592, Contact: Mr. Lu Jianping, Deputy Director General, Investment and Financing

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Demonstration of Alternatives to Chlordane and Mirex in Termite Control:** The objective of the project is to introduce, first through a demonstration and later on a broader scale, alternative termite control practices to those that threaten human health and the environment. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82992. US\$ 12.0 (GEF). Cofinancing is expected from bilateral donors. Consultants have been identified. State Environmental Protection Administration, 115 Xizhimennei Nanxiaojie, Beijing 100035 China, Tel: (86-10) 6615-3366, Fax: (86-10) 6615-1776, E-mail: luog1@svr1-pek.unep.net, zhangqf@svr1-pek.unep.net, Contact: Mr. Gaolai Luo, Deputy Director General, FECCO

**Demonstration of PCB Management and Disposal:** The objective of the project is to reduce and remove threats to human health and the environment posed by Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) by demonstrating how to recover PCBs from unsafe temporary storage sites and dispose of them safely. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82993. US\$ 12.0 (GEF). Cofinancing is expected from bilateral donors. Consultants will be required and have been identified. State Environmental Protection Administration, 115 Xizhimennei Nanxiaojie, Beijing 200035 China, Tel: (86-10) 6115-3366/1775, Fax: (86-10) 6615-1776, E-mail: luog1@svr1-pek.unep.net, zhangqf@svr1-pek.unep.net, Contact: Mr. Gaolai Luo, Deputy Director General, FECCO

### Rural Development

**Agricultural Technology:** The objective of the project is to raise rural incomes in selected areas by supporting the restructuring and modernizing of agricultural production, processing and marketing, using viable scientific and technical models, and a sustainable and efficient use of natural resources. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 6 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69862. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Limited international/national consulting services will be required for preparation. State Office of Comprehensive Agriculture Development, 100026 Fulu Mansion, Fengtai District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8891-0024, Fax: (86-10) 8891-0023, E-mail: lluo@socad.org, Contact: Mr. Luo Luyong, Division Chief, Foreign Funding Division

**Heilongjiang Dairy:** The objective of the project is to increase the income of smallholder dairy farmers by increasing their milk production to a level commensurate with market demand. Increased milk production would result from relative increases in herd size, improved genetic potential and management practices, including improved feeding practices and fodder production. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for 30 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86629. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services may be required for project preparation if trust fund financing becomes available. Heilongjiang Province Agriculture World Bank Project Management Office, 202 Zhongshan Rd., Nangang District, Harbin, China, 150001, Fax: (86-451) 263-2146, Contact: Mr. Liu Guicheng, Director

**Irrigated Agriculture Intensification III:** The objectives of the project are to help raise agricultural output and farm income in the 3-H Basin through environmentally sustainable, modern irrigated agriculture based on improved water/agriculture productivity, and to facilitate farmer adjustment to increased market competition and integration with the global economy after WTO accession. Preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84742. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Office for Comprehensive Agricultural Development, 100026 Fulu Mansion, Fengtai District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8819-1812, Fax: (86-10) 8819-1856, E-mail: luoluyong@126.com, Contact: Mr. Luo Luyong, Director

**Poor Rural Communities Development:** The objective of the project is to reduce poverty in Western China through a participatory and multisectoral attack on absolute poverty in an extremely resource-deficient area covering the worst affected upland areas of several inland provinces. Poor rural communities would design and implement activities to improve agricultural productivity and access to infrastructure in the poorest communities of Guangxi, Yunnan, and Sichuan Provinces. Decision meeting is scheduled for 15 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71094. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Limited international consulting services will be required. Leading Group for Poverty Alleviation, Foreign Capital Project Management Office, 11 Nongzhanguan Nanli, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China 100026, Tel: (86-10) 8261-7155, Fax: (86-10) 8261-7165, Contact: Mr. Qu Qingping, Director, PRCDP Liaison Officer

### Transportation

**(R) Hubei Shiman Highway:** The objective of the project is to improve road management efficiency in Hubei in order to sustain provincial socio-economic development and regional integration, support trade, unlock lagging western provinces, and improve the effectiveness and safety of the provincial highway network. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 81749. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Hubei Provincial Communications Department, No. 428, JianShe Ave., Hankou, Wuhan, Hubei 430030 China, Tel/Fax: (86-27) 8386-9260, E-mail: projectoffice@hbjt.gov.cn, Contact: Mr. Ren Binian, Director

**(R) 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75602. 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

**Fifth Inland Waterways:** The objectives of the project are to provide (a) cost-effective, predictable, and increased transport capacity for waterway users along the Han River; and (b) sustainable hydropower and water resources for the Xiangfan City Area and the Tondong Farmland Region. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required to assist the institutional strengthening of the implementing agency. Hubei Provincial Communications Department, No. 428 Jianshe Ave., Hankou, Wuhan 430030 China, Tel: (86-27) 346-0753, Fax: (86-27) 8386-0754, Contact: Mr. Wang Yanghong, Deputy Director, Project Management Office

**Fourth Inland Waterways (Ln. 4728-CHA):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 25 March 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77137 US\$ 91.0 (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

**Inner Mongolia Transport and Trade Facilitation:** 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. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 68752. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants 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

### Urban Development

**(R) Guangdong Pearl River Delta Urban Environment (Ln. 4742-CHA):** 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 Guangzhou Metropolitan area. *The loan was signed on 5 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75728. US\$ 128.0/20.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required for project implementation support, water quality monitoring, strategic studies, training and capacity building. Guangdong Provincial World Bank PMO, Guangdong Provincial Finance Bureau, Guangzhou 510031, China, Fax: (86-20) 208-333, Contact: Mr. Yuchang Zeng, Vice Director

**(R) Ningbo Water and Environment:** The objective of the project is to expand water and wastewater services in the Ningbo metropolitan area and thereby protect public health, improve the environment, and sustain the area's rapid economic growth. A Project Concept Note review was scheduled for 22 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. *Ningbo Water and Environment, World Bank Project Management Office, 1509/R, 15F, Tianning Tower, 138 West Zhongshan Rd., Ningbo, China, Tel: (86-574) 8728-0409, Fax: (86-574) 8728-0430, E-mail: xuxu1411@163.com, zhibo@nbnet.com.cn, Contacts: Ms. Xu Xu, Vice Director, Mr. Zhibo Li, Deputy Division Chief*

**Guangdong Pearl River Delta Urban Environment 2:** Continuing on the first project, the second project focuses on Shenzhen Municipality, the second contributor of pollution in the Pearl River Delta. The objectives are to provide a safe environment setting for long-term local economic growth to contribute to environmental pollution control and water resources preservation in the project area through sanitation and flood control investments. Decision meeting is tentatively

scheduled for 16 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultant Trust Funds will be sought to review some part of the feasibility study and to review urban service improvement and heritage program. The Guangdong Province has already mobilized an international consultant to assist with the counterpart project preparation. Technical assistance for implementation is to be determined at a later stage. Shenzhen Municipal Government, Shenzhen Water Resources Bureau, 3rd Fl. Hongtao Building, Nol. 2 BaoAn Rd. Shenzhen 518008, Tel: (86-755) 2559 3766, Fax: (86-755) 2559 3447, Contact: Mr. Chen Jie, Deputy Director

**Hunan Urban Development:** The objective of the project is to promote sustainable development in the city-region of Changsha, Zhuzhou and Xiangtan (CZT Region) of Hunan Province. Negotiations were scheduled for 26 July 2004. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for 16 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75730. US\$ 172.0 (IBRD). Consultants are in place. Hunan Provincial Development Planning Commission, 69 Wu-Yi Zhong Rd., Changsha, Hunan 410011, China, Tel: (86-731) 221-4531, Fax: (86-731) 221-2956, Contact: Mr. Xu Xianping, Director

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Hai Basin Integrated Water and Environment Management:** The objective of the project is to improve coordination and cooperation among ministries and government levels by financing activities that will support an integrated approach to water resource management and pollution control in the Hai Basin. *The loan was signed on 30 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75035. US\$ 17.0 (GEF). Consultants will be needed for: (a) water and environment management; (b) knowledge management (KM) and Evapotranspiration (ET) management, river reach coding system remote sensing, KM code and system development, applications and demonstrations; (c) International expert advice for project management; and (d) overseas training and study tours. Ministry of Water Resources, 2 Baiguanglu Ertiao, Beijing 100053 China, Tel: (86-10) 6320-2127, Fax: (86-10) 6320-2027, E-mail: gef@mwr.gov.cn, Contact: Mr. Liu Bein, Division Chief; State Environmental Protection Agency, 2 Baiguanglu Ertiao, Beijing 100053 China, Tel: (86-10) 6615-3366, Fax: (86-10) 6615-1932, E-mail: gef@mwr.gov.cn, Contact: Ms. Li Pei, Division Chief

**(R) Tai Basin Urban Environment:** The objective of the project is to enhance the quality of life in key municipalities in the Tai Basin and to help sustain economic competitiveness and growth by alleviating degradation of water resources and improving the quality of the urban environment. Board presentation was scheduled for 3 August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 57933. US\$ 64.6 (IBRD). Consultants are required. Jiangsu Provincial Management Office, Foreign Economy and Finance Division, Jiangsu Finance Bureau, 63 Beijing Rd., Nanjing 210024 Jiangsu Province, China, Tel: (86-25) 372-7278, Fax: (86-25) 331-2450, E-mail: lindaxie1234@vip.sina.com, Contact: Mr. Zhang Jiefei

## Indonesia

### Education

**(R) Higher Education for Competitiveness:** The objective of the project is to *improve the organizational health of higher education through enhanced support of institutional autonomy; additional governance reforms and introduction of performance-based financing.* Project preparation completed. *Preappraisal is scheduled for late September 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 85374. US\$ 72.4 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of National Education, Directorate General of Higher Education, Jl. Jend. Sudirman, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel/Fax: (62-21) 572-5061, E-mail: satrio1@indo.net.id, Contact: Prof. Dr. Satryo Brodjonegoro, Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of National Education

### Energy and Mining

**(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. Preappraisal mission completed. Decision meeting was scheduled for August 2004. 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

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Provincial Health and Nutrition:** The project aims at developing, piloting and, if warranted, implementing sustainable decentralized systems for micronutrient deficiency control and prevention. Identification mission is *under way*. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 75.0 (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

**Third Water Supply and Sanitation for Low-Income Communities:** The project will build on the achievements of the two preceding projects and focus on the kabupaten in the eastern part of the country farthest from achieving the Millennium Development Goals for water supply and sanitation. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health Directorate General for Communicable Disease Control and Environment, Jl. Percetakan Negara No. 29, PO Box 223, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 420-9930, Fax: (62-21) 420-7807, E-mail: ppmplp@cbn.net.id, Contact: Professor Dr. Umar Fahmi Ahmadi, Director General for Communicable Disease Control and Environment

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Government Financial Management and Revenue Administration:** The objective of the project is to finance modernization of public financial management, tax administration and customs. Appraisal was scheduled for late July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85133. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 21, Jaoran Lapangan Banteng Tinurr Nomar 2-4, Jakarta 10710 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 385-2143, Fax: (62-21) 384-4784, Contact: Mr. Agus Haryanto, Secretary General

**(R) Initiatives for Local Governance Reform:** The purpose of the project is to initiate a reform process and develop a district-level system of checks and balances, increasing local accountability and transparency. Negotiations are scheduled for *September 2004*. Board presentation is scheduled for 28 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76174. US\$ 63.2 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants are conducting project preparation financed by a Japanese PHRD and a DFID grant. Ministry for National Development and Planning, Bappenas & Moha, Jl. Taman Suropati No. 2, Tel/Fax: (62-21) 334-195, 335-289, Contact: Max Pohan, Director, Regional Autonomy Development

### Rural Development

**(R) Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management II (COREMAP II) (Ln. 4740-IND, Cr. 3910-IND):** The project is the second phase of a long-term program to empower and support coastal communities to manage the use of coral reefs and associated ecosystem resources sustainably. 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 25 May 2004. *The loan was signed on 30 June 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71316. US\$ 33.2/23.0/7.5 (IBRD/IDA/GEF). 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 consultants are needed. Indonesia Institute of Sciences and Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Jl Raden Saleh No. 43, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 314-3080, E-mail: coremap@indosat.net.id, Contact: Dr. Anugerah Nontji, PMO Director, COREMAP Secretariat

**Farmers Empowerment through Agricultural Technology and Information:** The objective of the project is to increase agricultural productivity and farmers' income in selected districts by empowering and

organizing farmers, particularly smallholders, to drive the agricultural services agenda and improve their access to technical and market information, by promoting partnerships and improving the delivery of research and extension services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83742. US\$ 70.0/30.0 (IBRD/IDA). PHRD-financed consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Agriculture, Jl. Harsono RM. No. 3, Bldg. A, Pasar Minggu, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 780-4427, Contact: Dr. Memed Gunawan, Secretary General

**Sustaining Microfinance:** The project will provide capacity building to the community-managed microfinance units (CMFUs) and participating banks (PFIs) that are accredited based on eligibility criteria, and promote links among them to increase outreach to rural areas. The project will also provide a line of credit to eligible private financial institutions to be onlent to borrowers, to newly established including CMFUs. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD/IDA). Feasibility study is under way. The social/environmental impact assessment consultants have been selected. 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 Lending Management

**Water Resources and Irrigation Sector Management (Ln. 4711-IND, Cr. 3807-IND):** The objectives of the project are to (a) develop and build the capacity of Irrigation Water User Associations (WUAS) and District Irrigation Agencies; (b) establish local Irrigation Improvement Funds for irrigation facilities and for rehabilitation and completion of canals for irrigation schemes; (c) support an irrigation and agricultural extension program; (d) build the capacity of River Basin Management Units; and (e) finance river improvement work. Loan signing is scheduled for late September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 59931. US\$ 45.0/25.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants for preparation have been selected and negotiations are in progress. Directorate General for Water Resources, Ministry of Settlement and Regional Infrastructure, Pattimura 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 739-3006, Contact: Jl. Ir. Sri Nurumi, Director; Ministry of Home Affairs and National Planning Agency, Directorate Technical Guidance, Ministry of Settlement and Regional Infrastructure

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**Support for Social and Economic Revitalization:** The objective of the project is to support transition to longer-term development in post-conflict areas by (a) strengthening community-led planning and dispute resolution processes; (b) promoting private investment and job creation; and (c) increasing utilization of effective education and health services. Appraisal completed. Negotiations are scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78070. US\$ 77.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Jl. Mangonsarkoro 5, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-816) 36407, Fax: (62-21) 352-4043, E-mail: twiranto@dnet.com. Contact: Ir. Tatag Wiranto, Director, Community and Rural Empowerment

### Transportation

**(R) 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 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. PID: 68133. US\$ 8.0 (GEF). 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: Jean-Claude Sainlos, Director, Marine Environment Division

**(R) Second Eastern Region Transport:** The objective of the project is to stimulate economic growth and improve social welfare in the region through improved access to roads, reduced road transport costs and more efficient use of resources. *Approved by the Executive*

**Directors on 22 June 2004.** 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 for (a) project preparation, (b) design and supervision of environmental assessments and action plans and land acquisition and resettlement action plans, and (c) technical assistance (still to be defined). Ministry of Settlements and Regional Infrastructure Project, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 720-0281, 727-6581, Fax: (62-21) 720-1760, 727-9232, Contacts: Mr. Machfudz Madjid, Director of Technical Affairs, Directorate General of Regional Infrastructure, Mr. Herman Darmansyah, Technical Affairs, Urban, Directorate General of Urban and Rural Development

#### Urban Development

**(R) Urban Water and Sanitation Improvement and Expansion:** The objective of the project is to improve and expand the delivery of water supply and sanitation services by strengthening the local provision of those services in an operationally efficient and financially sustainable manner. The project will finance investments aimed at improving water services and extending their coverage into unserved urban and peri-urban areas. The project will also pilot in three cities the main-streaming of community-based initiatives to expand coverage of wastewater collection and treatment. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for mid-August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84872. US\$ 58.2 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Settlements and Regional Infrastructure, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 727-96155/58, Fax: (62-21) 727-96155, E-mail: budiman@kimpraswil.go.id, Contact: Mr. Budiman Arif, Director General of Urban and Rural Development

**Third Urban Poverty:** The objective of the project is to improve services to the urban poor by: (a) establishing or supporting representative and accountable community organizations that are able to increase the voice of the poor in public decision making; (b) making local governments more responsive to the needs of the poor through increased cooperation with community organizations; and (c) providing funds transparently to community based organizations and local governments to provide services to the urban poor. The first two urban poverty projects cover the islands of Java, Kalimantan, Sulawesi and Nusa Tenggara Barat. This one will cover Sumatera, Maluku, Papua, and East Nusa Tenggara, which contain 14 provinces with about 1,618 wards (kelurahan). Negotiations are scheduled for October 2004. Board presentation is scheduled for 8 February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84583. US\$142.1 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants have been hired. Ministry of Settlement and Regional Infrastructure (Kimpraswil), Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 739-2563, Fax: (62-21) 712-805, Contact: Dr. Ir. Soenarnodipli, Director General of Human Settlements

**Urban Sector Development and 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. Appraisal completed. Negotiations are scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71296. US\$ 79.1/30.0 (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. Ir. Bambang Goeritno, Minister of Settlement & Regional Infrastructure

**Urban Water Supply and Sanitation:** The objective of the project is to expand sewerage infrastructure in local governments, enable private sector participation in operating and maintaining existing water and sanitation facilities, and design instruments to ensure inclusion of low-income communities residing in the service areas. Appraisal is scheduled for December 2004. 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. Budiman Arif, Director General, Directorate General of Urban and Rural Development

**Western Java Environment Management APL 2:** The objectives of the project are to (a) reinforce and expand efforts initiated in APL1 to strengthen the institutional and community capacity of participating local governments and groups to implement environmental waste management programs, (b) initiate investments in the waste management projects and facilities designed in APL1, (c) assist two new waste management corporations effectively to manage related programs through capacity building and technical assistance, and (d) continue to support community and commercial composting efforts. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 50.0/15.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Settlements and Regional Infrastructure, 9KIMPRASWIL, Jl. Senopati No. 38, Jakarta 12110, Tel: (021) 726 0669, Fax: (021) 726-1935, E-mail: Noradhi@lycos.com, Contact: Ir. Noeradhi Iskandar, Head, Central Program Support Unit (CPSU)

#### Kiribati

##### Rural Development

**Adaptation:** The project aims at reducing vulnerability to climate change and variability and sea level rise. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78290. US\$ 3.3 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, National Economic Planning Office, PO Box 57, Bairiki, Tarawa, Kiribati, Tel: (686) 21808/9, Fax: (686) 21808/9, E-mail: dnepo@tskl.net.ki, Contact: Mr. Peter Tong, Director of Planning

#### Lao People's Democratic Republic

##### Education

**(R) Second Education (Cr. 3886-LA, H084-LA):** 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. *The credit was signed on 8 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78113. US\$ 5.3/7.7 (IDA Credit/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. Lytou Bouapao, Director, Department of Planning and Cooperation

##### Energy and Mining

**(R) Southern Provinces Rural Electrification II:** The objective of the project is to improve living standards and increase income opportunities for about 80,000 rural households by providing them with electricity. *Appraisal was scheduled for 19 July 2004. Negotiations are scheduled for 15 September 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75531. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants are required during project preparation for the following activities: socioeconomic survey and rural electrification database; distribution system loss reduction; tariff study; rural electrification framework; power sector financing strategy; and project preparation of physical components. Contract awards are being finalized. Electricite du Laos, Nong Bone Rd., BP 309, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 451-519, Fax: (856-21) 415-039, E-mail: somphone@edl-laos.com, Contact: Mr. Somphone Simmalavong, Officer; Ministry of Industry and Handicraft, Nong Bone Rd., BP 4708, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 415-037, 413-012, Fax: (856-21) 413-013, E-mail: houmphon@laotel.com, Contact: Mr. Houmphone Bulyaphol, Director

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Health Services Improvement:** 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. Appraisal mission is in the field. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74027. US\$ 17.2/2.8 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). 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, HSP and PCU Director, Health System Reform and Malaria Control Project

### Law and Justice

**Poverty Reduction Support:** The objective of the project is to develop and implement policies and structural reforms supportive of the country's overall economic development strategy in a sequenced and phased manner. The initial reforms will focus on public sector governance, social sectors, trade, private sector development and other areas to be determined. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ amount to be determined (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, That Luang Rd., PO Box 46, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856) 911-370, Fax: (856) 412-142, E-mail: tchanthavongsa@hotmail.com, Contacts: Mrs. Thippakone Chanthavongsa, Deputy Director of External Financial Relations Department; Mrs. Vienthong Siphandone, Director

### Rural Development

**Nam Theun 2 Rural Livelihood:** This project will enhance opportunities for rural villagers in the Xe Bang Fai Basin to participate in the expected economic development in the basin. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lanexang Ave. (Patouxay), Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 412-359, Fax: (856-21) 412-340, E-mail: rasphone@laotel.com, Contact: H.E. Mr. Sitaheng Rasphone, Vice-Minister

### Transportation

**(R) Road Maintenance Program (APL II) (Cr. 3944-LA):** The project will expand the road maintenance programs over all national and local roads, strengthen institutional capacity especially at a local level to maintain the assets under a decentralized framework, improve cost recovery from road users to make financing fully sustainable, and strengthen traffic management, especially concerning heavy vehicles and road safety. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83543. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant has been approved. Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction, Lanexang Ave., PO Box 4467, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 412 741, Fax: (856-21) 414-123, E-mail: sommad@laotel.com, Contact: Mr. Sommad Pholsena, Vice Minister

**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 preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75780. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants are required for preparation. Ministry of Communications, Transport, Post and Construction (MCTPC), Lane Xang Ave., Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 412-741, Fax: (856-21) 414-132, E-mail: sommad@laotel.com, Contact: Sommad Pholsena, General Director, Department of Roads; Provincial governments of Attapu, Xekong, Houaphan, and Phongsali

### Mongolia

#### Law and Justice

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support:** 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. Board presentation

is scheduled for 28 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78386. 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

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support II: (formerly Poverty Reduction Strategy II)** The objective of the project is to establish a sound institutional and regulatory environment to complete the transition to a market economy and enable the private sector to become an engine of growth. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government Building No. 2, Ulaanbaatar 2105646 Mongolia, Tel/Fax: (976-11) 320-247, Contact: Ms. Damba Basankhuu, Head of Fiscal Policy

### Transportation

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

### Water and Sanitation

**Second Ulaanbaatar Services Improvement (Cr. 3890-MOG):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 April 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74591. US\$ 18.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Ulaanbaatar, MUB, Sukhbaatar Square-11, Ulaanbaatar - 46, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 325-060, Fax: (976-11) 32433, Contact: Mr. Choipog Bat, Chief of Economy and Strategic Policy Department

### Papua New Guinea

#### Transportation

**Highlands Highway:** The project will rehabilitate the 600 km Highlands Highway between Lae and Mendi and support the establishment of an authority to manage roads in PNG with reliable funding arrangements, and implementation of a program to reduce HIV/AIDS caused by mobility provided by the improved highway. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 59066. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). A consulting firm completed the preparation of engineering, environmental, land acquisition/resettlement, economic, institutional and financing aspects. Consulting services will be required for supervision and management and for support of the proposed Highlands Highway Authority as well as for management of the HIV/AIDS component. 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

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) 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. Appraisal mission completed. Negotiations are scheduled for 23 August 2004. 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 Lázaro 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

**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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75464. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants 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

### Public Sector Governance

**Public Finance Strengthening:** The purpose of the project is to strengthen public 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, 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). Consultants, 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) Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Communities Development Program:** (formerly *Community Managed Agrarian Reform Program*) 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\$ 40.0-50.0 (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

**(R) Diversified Farm Income and Market Development:** The objective of the project is to improve market development services and investments and widen access to them, with a view to increasing agricultural value added and rural incomes. *Approved by the Executive Di-*

*rectors on 22 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75184. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants for project preparation have been retained. 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: fredspacific.net.ph, Contact: Segfredo Serrano, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Planning

**(R) Land Administration and Management II:** The objectives of the project are to (a) improve land tenure security, (b) facilitate the development of land markets, and (c) increase government revenues from property taxes. The project will include formulating land policy and regulation, and developing land titling and registration systems. Appraisal mission was tentatively scheduled for August 2004. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for September 2004. 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 64974. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants have completed the Bicol River Basin Master Plan and Framework and the Watershed Management Development Plans. A multi-disciplinary government preparation team under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is preparing the project (DENR Manila and DENR Region V). Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Manila and Region V, DENR Bldg., Rawis, Legaspi City, Albay, Tel: (63-52) 214-3886, E-mail: denrtdm5@globalink.net.ph; Contact: Mr. Oscar M. Hamada, Regional Executive Director

### Urban Development

**Manila Third Sewerage:** The objective of the project is to improve sewerage and sanitation conditions in the East Zone of Metro Manila Concession Area. Preappraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 79661. US\$ 64.0 (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. Leonor 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. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77515. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.25 has been approved for project preparation and a consultant has been hired with the grant. Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, Makati City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 811-4116, Fax: (63-2) 811-4158, Contact: Lucille Ortile, Deputy Secretary General

### Timor-Leste

#### Energy and Mining

**(R) Power Sector:** The objectives of the project are to (a) provide oil well rehabilitation and gas seep harvesting for power production in Suai and Viqueque, (b) supply and install a new diesel generator in the Dili Comoro power station and (c) purchase compact fluorescent light bulbs for Dili. Appraisal completed. The project was expected to be approved by the RVP in on 22 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Cat-

egory to be determined. US\$ 1.6 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Department of Energy and Mineral Resources, Unsindo I Block C15, Dili, Timor Leste, Tel: (670) 724-2020, E-mail: lourenso\_pedro@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Lourenco Pedro; Electricite de Timore Leste, Rua Estrada de Balide, Caicoli, Dili, Timor Leste, Tel: (670) 390 333-9254, E-mail: jmcr19444@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Joao Rodrigues, General Manager

## Tonga

### Education

**(R) First Education:** The objective of the project is to improve educational service delivery and enhance educational quality. Concept review is scheduled for *late September 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

## Vietnam

### Economic Management

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support III:** The project will build on recent reforms and support further progress in structural and other key policy areas. The overall framework is provided by the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy (CPRGS), which is the country's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 June 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82759. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. State Bank of Vietnam, 49 Ly Thai To St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-3361, Fax: (84-4) 825-0612, E-mail: fdsby@ipt.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Duc Thu, Governor

### Education

**(R) Second Higher Education:** The objectives of the project are to increase the relevance and raise the standards of higher education, in response to changing economic and social needs. In particular, the project will: (a) provide incentives for integrating university teaching and research in the areas of science and technology, the social sciences and the humanities; (b) improve the technical and professional capacity within higher education institutions (HEIs) and research institutes (RIs); and (c) promote national and international cooperation enabled selected HEIs and RIs to achieve wider recognition for standards of teaching and research. *Preparation* mission is tentatively scheduled for late September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79665. 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

**National EFA Plan Implementation:** The objectives of the project are to (a) expand access to universal basic education for poor and disadvantaged children, (b) improve educational quality through implementation of minimum standards for infrastructure, teacher qualifications, professional development, and management, and (c) establish an enabling policy environment that will promote expanded educational access and improved service delivery. Concept review completed. Appraisal mission is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85260. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training, Suite 406, Tu Phap, Phan Ke Binh St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel/Fax: (84-4) 762-8946, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Quoc Chi, Coordinator

### Energy and Mining

**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. 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. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74688. US\$ 220.0/7.0 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry, Electricity of Vietnam, 18 Tran Nguyen Han St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 825-5659, Fax: (84-4) 824-9462, E-mail: tienptt@evn.com.vn, Contact: Mr. Dao Van Hung, General Director; Ministry of Industry, 54 Hai Ba Trung

St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-9411, Fax: (84-4) 934-9412, E-mail: bqlppi-bcn@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Hoang Trung Hai, Minister

### Finance

**Second Payment System and Bank Modernization:** The project aims at upgrading and expanding (a) the use of the Inter-Bank Payment System (IBPS) operated by the State Bank of Vietnam by increasing the number of provincial processing centers and connecting all banks and branches operating, and (b) the commercial banks' intra-bank payment system and client support services system by increasing the number of applications and rolling out the system to several more branches per commercial bank. Appraisal mission has been delayed until the end of the first quarter of FY05. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82627. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. The State Bank of Vietnam, 28 Nguyen Chi Thanh, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 733-0488, Fax: (84-4) 834-5180, E-mail: pdalnh@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Dr. Ta Quang Tien, General Director, Information Technology Department

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Health Fund for Poor:** The project will finance health services for the poor in selected provinces while piloting mechanisms to ensure that financing will be self-sustaining. Appraisal mission is scheduled for *May 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82672. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 846-4914, Fax: (84-4) 846-4051, Contact: Mr. Duong Huy Lieu, Director, Planning and Finance Department

**(R) Mekong Region Health Support:** The objective of the project is to enhance the health services system with a policy framework and better institutional capacity for improved quality of hospital care and prevention as well as stronger mechanisms for financing catastrophic curative care for the poor. Appraisal mission is scheduled for *December 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79663. US\$ 47.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 846-4914, Fax: (84-4) 846-4051, Contact: Mr. Duong Huy Lieu, Director of Planning and Finance Department

**HIV/AIDS Prevention:** The objective of the project is to strengthen the HIV/AIDS program to slow its spread and mitigate its effects on socio-economic development. The project will support: (a) local programs for prevention, (b) behavioral change communications initiatives; (c) strengthening of health services delivery for HIV/AIDS and (d) capacity building. Appraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for late September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82604. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-2013, Fax: (84-4) 934-2014, Contact: Dr. Trinh Quan Huan, General Director of General Department of Preventive Medicine and HIV/AIDS Control

### Information and Communication

**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. Appraisal mission is scheduled for late February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79344. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

### Public Sector Governance

**Customs Modernization:** The program aims at assisting in trade reform, revenue collection, foreign trade statistics collection, community protection and meeting international obligations. Concept review completed. A decision meeting is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 70.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 8 Phan Huy Chu St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 824-0437, Fax: (84-4) 826-2266, E-mail: toanba@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Sinh Hung, Minister

### Rural Development

**(R) Forest Sector Development (Cr. 3953-VN):** The project supports (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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66051, 74414. US\$ 39.5/9.0 (IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2 Ngoc Ha, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 843-8689, Fax: (84-4) 843-8793, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Quang Duong, Vice Director, Department of Forestry Development

**(R) Water Resources Assistance (Cr. 3880-VN):** 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). Credit signing was scheduled for *late August 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 65898. US\$ 130.0 (IDA). *Engineering design and technical assistance consulting services will be required and advertised in Development Business.* Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2 Ngoc Ha St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 733-0782, Fax: (84-4) 824-7133, Contact: Mr. Pham Hong Giang, Vice Minister

**Natural Disasters Mitigation:** The objectives of the project are to save lives and protect economic assets and outputs, especially for the poor, who are often the most vulnerable to natural hazards. This would be achieved by: (a) preventing natural disaster impacts; (b) improving government policies and strengthening national and local institutions in preparedness response and long term recovery from natural disasters; and (c) restoring basic infrastructure in case of a major disaster and providing assistance to affected poor people. Decision meeting is scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 73361. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ngoc Ha, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 843-7520, Fax: (84-4) 733-0752, Contact: Dr. Le Van Minh, Director General Management Unit

### Transportation

**(N) Road Safety:** The objective of the project is to reduce the rate of serious injuries and deaths associated with road transportation. Preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants for preparation have been selected. Ministry of Transport/National Traffic Safety Committee, 80 Tran Hung Dao St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Fax: (84-4) 822-3592, E-mail: ntsc@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Bui Huynh Long, Chief Administrator

**Hanoi Urban Transport and Development:** The objective of the project is to develop a sustainable urban transport system consistent with continued economic growth and accessibility for all users through the establishment of high capacity busways on the major corridors of the city, development of a comprehensive urban transport policy that provides priority to public transit, investments in road infrastructure that facilitate growth of public transport, and technical assistance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83581. US\$ 135.0/10.0 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services are required for preparation and implementation. A PHRD grant application has been conditionally approved for project preparation, and a PPIAF grant is under way. GEF preparation funding has been approved. Hanoi Transport and Urban Public Works Service/Transport and Urban Public Works Project Management Unit, 75 To Hien Thanh Ave., 3rd, 4th Floor, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 974-0914, E-mail: tupmu.toan@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Hoang Ha, Director

**Rural Transport III:** The objective of the project is to reduce rural poverty by: (a) improving rural access for communities to markets, off-farm economic opportunities and social services; (b) increasing the capacity at all administrative levels to plan, improve and sustain the existing rural transport network; and (c) supporting the development of small-scale private contractors and transport service operators. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75407. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required for preparation and will be paid for through

a DFID Trust Fund. Additional consultants will be required during implementation to assist with project management and construction supervision. Project Management Unit No. 5, 278 Ton Duc Thang St., Dong Da District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 851-3659/4406, Fax: (84-4) 851-0857, E-mail: pmu5@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Luu Van Dung, General Director

### Urban Development

**Urban Upgrading (Cr. 3887-VN):** 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 April 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 70197. US\$ 223.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. 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 million. 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 Nhan, PMU Director; Can Tho PMU, 61 Phan Dinh Phung, Can Tho City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-71) 823-917, Fax: (84-71) 823-918, Mr. Phung Kim Chau, PMU Director; Nam Dinh PMU, 10 Tran Dang Ninh, Nam Dinh City, Vietnam, Tel/Fax: (84-350) 864-451, Contact: Mr. Bui Van Que, PMU Director; Hai Phong PMU, 32 Ly Tu Trong St., Hai Phong City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-31) 842-314, Fax: (84-31) 842-021, Contact: Mr. Pham Vu Cau, PMU Director

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) 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, Quy Nhon and Dong Hoi. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 88295. US\$ 120.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. *City of Quy Nhon City*, Quy Nhon City, People's Committee, Quy Nhon, Vietnam, Tel: (84-5) 682-5254, Fax: (84-5) 682-6076, Contact: Mr. Thai Ngoc Bich, Vice Chairman; Nha Trang City, People's Committee, Tel: (84-5) 882-1129, Fax (84-5) 882-9308, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Minh, Vice Chairman; Dong Hoi, People's Committee, Tel: (84-5) 282-2505, Contact: Mr. Dang DucDuc, Acting Director

**(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 that either achieve pre-defined levels of performance or are willing to commit to the competitive appointment of contractors to design, build and lease/operate facilities. A revolving fund will also be established to allow households to invest in sanitation facilities. Appraisal mission is *under way*. *Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for October 2004.* 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 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

**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 to support the National Rural Water and Sanitation Strategy and directly contribute to achieving targets of 85 percent water supply coverage and 70 percent sanitation access in rural areas by 2010. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 77287. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Danida is financing preparation through a parallel project. Additional consultants may be required for further preparation during implementation and also to assist with project management, capacity building, health promotion, and construction supervision. 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

## South Asia

### Afghanistan

#### Economic Management

**(R) Programmatic Support for Institution Building I:** The objective of the project is to strengthen public administration and budget management and support selected core reforms in the areas of human and private sector development. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78618. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Pashtonistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-70) 280-706, Contact: Dr. Ashraf Ghani, Minister

#### Education

**(R) Education Quality Improvement Program:** The project aims at improving the quality of educational inputs and processes as a foundation of a long-term strategy to improve the quality of educational outcomes and to promote education for girls by putting incentives for female teachers and students in each activity. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83964. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Deh Afghanan, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-70) 210-0484, Contact: Mr. Najim Saqib, Director, Grant Management Unit

#### Energy and Mining

**Emergency Power Rehabilitation:** The objective of the project is to improve the quality of electricity service in Kabul and other provincial cities. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 June 2004. *The credit was signed on 13 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83908 US\$ 105.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Power, Badam Bagh, Khair Khana, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-70) 108-179, Contact: Dr. Ghulam Jelis, Deputy Minister for Power.

#### Urban Development

**(R) Kabul Urban Reconstruction:** The objective of the project is to pilot ways of improving infrastructure service delivery and shelter in Kabul in order to enhance the quality of life, health status and welfare of all segments of the population, especially the disadvantaged, and to support economic growth. The project will also lay the groundwork for a follow-up project aimed at city-wide infrastructure reconstruction and service delivery. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 83919. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation include engineers, planners and specialists in social and community development. Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, 3rd Macrorayan, Kabul, Afghanistan, E-mail: djallalzada@gmx.de, Contact: Dr. Qiamuddin Djallalzada, Deputy Minister; various municipalities

## Bangladesh

### Economic Management

**(R) Development Support II:** The project will provide budgetary support for the reform program of the government. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 27 July 2004* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID 83887 US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Finance Division, Bldg. 7, Rm. 238, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-2785, Fax: (880-2) 716-5581, E-mail: fsoff@bdmail.net, Contact: Mr. Zakir Ahmed Khan, Secretary

**(R) Economic Management Technical Assistance:** The main objective of this umbrella Technical Assistance operation will be to strengthen core economic and sectoral management capacities and contribute to better policies and functioning of public administration across a broad range of sectors. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 June 2004. The credit was signed on 30 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83890. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services have been determined for 4 sub-projects. The central coordinating agency is the Economic Relations Division. Ministry of Finance, Room 13, Block 16, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar., Tel: (880-2) 911-9308, Fax: (880-2) 811-1660, Contact: Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Deputy Secretary.

### 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. PID: 77789. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Bhaban 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-4236, Fax: (880-2) 861-7577, Contact: Mr. Md. Shahidul Alam, Secretary

**Primary Education Development II (Cr. 3857-BD):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 February 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74966. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Bhaban 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-2484, Fax: (880-2) 861-8871, Contact: Dr. Tehmina Hussain, Secretary

**Reaching Out-of-School Children (H102-BD):** The objective of the project is to provide access to quality primary education to out-of-school children. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86791. US\$ 51.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Tel: (880-2) 716-2484 and 716-7859, Fax: (880-2) 716-8871, E-mail: secy.pmed@bdcom.com, Contact: Mr. Rafiqul Islam, Secretary

### Energy and Mining

**Power Sector Development Technical Assistance (Cr. 3913-BD, H092-BD):** The objective of the project is to create, over the next three years, a sound institutional foundation on which to ramp up, in a sustainable manner, the substantial public and private investments needed for the power sector to enhance its contribution to economic growth and poverty alleviation. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78707. US\$ 7.1/8/4 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Power Division, Building 6, Room 124, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-0523, Fax: (880-2) 717-3316, Contact: Mr. S. M. Shamsul Alam, Secretary

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**Health and Population Sector Program II:** The objective of the project is to improve the health and family welfare of the most vulnerable women, children and poor. 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) Private Sector Development:** The objectives of the project are to (a) reduce regulatory barriers to private sector development, (b) facilitate export diversification and product development, and (c) enhance skills development training capacity. Project is being identified. Project Concept Note is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Commerce, Bhaban 3, Room 135, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-9006, Fax: (880-2) 716-5741, E-mail: mincom@bdonline.com, Contact: Md. Aminur Rahman, Secretary

**Enterprise Growth and Bank Modernization (Cr. 3917-BD):** The objectives of the project are to trigger (a) new jobs through private sector enterprise growth and modernization of the banking system; and (b) reforms within the state owned enterprises (SOEs) and the nationalized commercial banks (NCBs). Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bldg. 7, Room 238, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-0406, Fax: (880-2) 716-5581, E-mail: fsoff@bdmail.net, Contact: Zakir Ahmed Khan, Secretary

### Rural Development

**(R) Water Management Improvement:** The objective of the project is to improve 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 9 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40712. US\$ 84.6 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. WMIP/BWDB, Ansar Chamber (11th floor, 149), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 712-1540, Fax: (880-2) 712-1537, E-Mail: pd-wsip@accesstel.net, Contact: Mr. Md. Aminul Hoque, Project Director

### Transportation

**Road Sector Reform:** The objective of the project is sustainable delivery of safe, efficient major road network service. Board presentation is scheduled for May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75346. US\$ 184.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Roads and Highways Department, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 956-2829/0598, Fax: (880-2) 956-2798, E-mail: islamsk@rhdbangladesh.org, Contact: Mr. Rabiul Islam, Chief Engineer

### Water and Sanitation

**Water Supply Program (H101-BD):** The objective of the project is to provide safe water in an increasingly decentralized manner. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86661 US\$ 40.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Local Government Division, Bldg. 6, 16th Floor, Rm. 1614, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000 Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-6072, Fax: (880-2) 716-0371, Contact: Mr. Md. Abdullah, Deputy Chief, Planning Cell

## Bhutan

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Multi-sectoral Mechanisms and Incentives for Land Management:** The project will promote innovative technical and institutional mechanisms to enhance sustainable land management practices with local, regional and global environmental benefits. The project aims at addressing land and watershed degradation issues through multi-sectoral planning and implementation with strong participation of local resource users and stakeholders. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.5 (GEF) Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 322-604, Fax: (975-2) 326-779, Contact: Nima Wangdi, Director General, Department of Aid and Debt Management

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**HIV/AIDS and STI Prevention and Control (H103-BHU):** The project aims at reducing the risk of transmission of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83169. US\$ 5.8 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be needed for a feasibility study for condom social marketing, technical assistance on behavioral change communications and second generation surveillance, development of systems for laboratory and drug information, capacity building and technical assistance on the development of a national HIV/AIDS policy. Ministry of Health, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 321-935/842/328, Fax: (975-2) 326-038, E-mail: rinchen\_yoezer@yahoo.com, Contact: Richen Yoezer, Project Coordinator

### Private Sector Development

**Private Sector Development:** The objective of the project is to enhance the performance of the private sector to undertake a wide range of productive activities especially in non-traditional areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 14.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Trade and Industry, Planning and Policy Division, PO Box 141, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 323-579, 326-096, Fax: (975-2) 324-279, 326-097, E-mail: spwangdi@druknet.net.bt, Contact: Mr. Sonam P. Wangdi, Deputy Secretary, Planning and Policy Division; Department of Aid and Debt Management, PO Box 1032, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 324-121, Fax: (975-2) 326-779, E-mail: ugyen@mof.gov.bt, Contact: Yanki T Wangchuk, Director General

### Rural Development

**Decentralized Rural Development:** The objective of the project is to increase agricultural output and improve market access for rural communities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 9.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 327-376, E-mail: sangay@moa.gov.bt, Contact: Mr. Sangay, Sr. Forestry Economist

## India

### Economic Management

**(R) Technical Assistance for Project Development Facility:** The objective of the project is to support the development of sound, policy-based reform initiatives and comprehensive preparation of investment and adjustment operations in priority sectors with high likelihood of implementation with Bank financing. *Negotiations have been postponed until further notice from the government.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81663. US\$ 50.0 (IDA) Consultants for preparation have been retained Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2309-2883, Fax: (91-11) 2309-2477/2511, E-mail: subhashg@finance.delhi.nic.in, Contact: Mr. Subhash C. Garg, Director

### Education

**(R) 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 preparation is under way.* 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 Anusandham Bhavan II, Pusa, New Delhi 110012 India, Tel: (91-11) 2574-7760, Fax: (91-11) 2561-0403, E-mail: jckatyal@icar.nic.in, Contact: Dr. J. C. Katyal, Deputy Director General

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Chhattisgarh Community Forest Management:** The objective of the project is to strengthen participatory systems of natural resource management and marketing to improve and sustain the livelihoods of forest dependent people. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77572. US\$ 50.0 Consulting services to be determined. State Forest Department, Village Forestry Institu-



tions, PRI, Raipur 492001, Chhattisgarh, India, Tel: (0771) 221-157, Fax: (0771) 331-120, E-mail: drsrcharma@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Ramprakash, Principal Secretary Forests

**Madhya Pradesh Community Forest Management:** The objective of the project is to facilitate a shift from Joint Forest Management (JFM) to Community Forest Management (CFM), with project components providing the necessary ingredients for successful CFM. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 50644. US\$ 105.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Madhya Pradesh State Forest Departments, Village Forestry Institutions, Vallabh 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

#### Finance

**(R) Small- and Medium-Enterprise Financing and Development:** The objective is to help participating banks gain better access to term financing for small- and medium-enterprise (SME) lending, reduce the costs and risks related to SME financing, improve the profitability of their SME business and expand SME financing while improving the quality of their loan portfolios. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 86518. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Videocon Tower, 10th Fl., E-1, Rani Jhansi Road, Jhandewalan Extn., New Delhi 11005 India, Tel: (91-11) 2368-2469, Fax: (91-11) 2368-2461/2, E-mail: nkmadan@sidbi.com, Contact: Mr. N. K. Madan, Dy. General Manager

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Integrated Disease Surveillance (Cr. 3952-IN):** 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73651. US\$ 68.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required to (a) assess laboratory facilities; (b) estimate training needs and capacity assessment at district, state and national levels; (c) make an institutional assessment at central, state and district levels; and (d) prepare plans and manuals for handling medical and laboratory waste and safety issues. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi 110 001, India, Tel: (91-11) 301-8863, Fax: (91-11) 301-4252, Contact: Mr. J.V.R. Prasada Rao, Secretary

**Tamil Nadu Health Systems:** The objective of the project is to improve health outcomes for poor and underserved populations by (a) increasing access to underserved populations, (b) redressing regional imbalances and (c) increasing effectiveness through institutional development and enhanced quality. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75058. US \$100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Tel: (91-44) 2567-1875, Fax: (91-44) 2567-1253, Contact: Mrs. Sheela Rani Chunkath, Principal Secretary, Health

#### Law and Justice

**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. PID: 78337. 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

#### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Orissa Structural Adjustment I:** The objective of the project is to lift the state from its fiscal crisis and the economic stagnation that has yielded little progress against its massive poverty to a path of sustained economic growth, fiscal sustainability and improved governance. *Appraisal completed.* Environmental Assessment Category U.

PID: 81882. US\$ 50.0/50.0 (IBRD/IDA). *No consultants are required.* Government of Orissa, India, Tel: (91-674) 240-5799, Fax: (91-674) 240-5799, E-mail: pramodemishra@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. P.K. Mishra, Special Secretary, Finance

**Tamil Nadu Economic Restructuring:** The objective of the project is to improve the state's fiscal position, making it more effective in accelerating economic growth and reducing poverty. Board presentation was scheduled for 18 August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 125.0/125.0 (IBRD/IDA). *Consultants will be required.* Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, India, Fax: (91-44) 2567-1252, E-mail: finsec@tn.gov.in, Contact: Mr. N. Narayanan, Finance Secretary and Development Commissioner

**Third Karnataka Economic Restructuring:** The project is part of the multi-tranche programmatic structural adjustment loan (PSAL) designed to provide budgetary support to the government of Karnataka. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 75192. US\$ 100.0/100.0 (IBRD/IDA). *No consultants are required.* Finance Department, Government of Karnataka, 2nd Floor, Vidhan Souda, Bangalore 560001 India, Tel: (91-80) 226-5434/235-3138, Fax: (91-80) 228-0520, E-mail: secbud@vsb.kar.nic.in, Contact: Mr. G. Gurucharan, Secretary, Budget & Resources

#### Rural Development

**(R) Assam Agricultural Competitiveness:** The objective of the project is to improve service delivery, farmer organizations and market links, supported by expansion of essential rural infrastructure. The aim is to develop a market-oriented agricultural services delivery system that can help farmers make better use of their resources and infrastructure to intensify and diversify production. *Appraisal is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84792. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* ARIASP Society, GS Rd., Khanapara, Agriculture Campus, Guwahati 781022 Assam, India, Tel: (91-361) 233-2564, E-mail: ravikota2001@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Ravi Kota, Project Director

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

**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 preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77192. 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.com, Contact: Ms. Neelam Nath, Principal Secretary, Department of Forests and Environment

**Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction:** The objective of the project is to improve the livelihoods and quality of life of the rural poor in Tamil Nadu, particularly women and other disadvantaged groups, through social, economic and democratic empowerment. To achieve this, the project will build the productive and non-productive assets of poor people and improve the organizational and institutional context that govern their effective use of these assets. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79708. US\$ 112.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Tamil Nadu, Social Welfare Department, Fort Street George, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Tel: (91-44) 567-1545,

Fax: (91-44) 567-5183, E-mail: gariyali@sec.tn.gov.in, Contact: Ms. C.K. Gariyali, Secretary

### Transportation

**(R) Lucknow-Muzaffarpur National Highway:** The project aims at (a) reducing transport 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. Appraisal is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77856. US\$ 640.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for civil works supervision and institutional capacity building technical assistance. National Highways Authority of India, Plots G5 and G6, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2509-3527, Fax: (91-11) 2509-3518, E-mail: bp-kukrety@mhai.org, Contact: B.P. Kukrety, Chief General Manager, East-West Corridor

**(R) 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. *Negotiations were scheduled to begin on 9 August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77977. US\$ 300.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required during preparation for institutional review, environmental and social assessment and maintenance management. Consultant requirements during implementation are to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development, National Rural Road Development Agency, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2338-9432, Fax: (91-11) 2338-8191, E-mail: vijay@alpha.nic.in, Contact: Mr. Vijay Kumar, IAS; Public Works Departments in states, Contact: Joint Secretary yet to be determined

### Urban Development

**(N) Third Tamil Nadu Urban Development:** The objective of the project is to improve urban infrastructure services sustainably. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 220.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Tamil Nadu Urban Development Fund, Ezhilagam Annex, Canteen Block, II Floor, Chepauk, Chennai 600005 India, Tel: (91-44) 851-6651, Fax: (91-44) 851-6718, E-mail: tnudp@satyam.net.in, Contact: Mr. L. Ravikumar, Vice President

**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 A. PID: 71250. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Urban Development Department, Secretariat Complex, Hyderabad 500 022, Tel/Fax: (91-40) 2345-0622, Contact: A.K. Goyal, Principal Secretary, Urban Development

**Karnataka Urban Sector Reform:** The objectives of the project are to: (a) foster the decentralization process among states through improved governance and oversight of local governments; (b) enhance the accountability and financial soundness of local urban bodies, and (c) improve service delivery to the urban population. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 79675. US\$ 160.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Urban Development Department, Government of Karnataka, 448, 4th Floor, MS

Bldg., Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore 560001, Tel: (91-80) 225-3958, Fax: (91-80) 220-3503, E-mail: psecud@secretariat2.nic.in, Contact: Ms Shamim Banu

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Hydrology Phase II:** The objective of the project is to promote effective and efficient use of the Hydrologic Information System by all concerned water data users in water resources planning and management to increase productivity, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness of water related investments. *Negotiations completed.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84632. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Water Resources, Commissioner (GW and MI), Shram Shakthi Bhavan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2461-7060, Fax: (91-11) 2469-4752, Contact: S. K. Chaudhary, Commissioner

**(R) Madhya Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring:** The objective of the project is to improve productivity of water for the enhancement of socially and environmentally sustainable growth and poverty reduction. The project will be further defined subsequent to a sector study currently ongoing with the Asian Development Bank, which will also likely cofinance the project. *Negotiations scheduled for end July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 73370. US\$ 244.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Madhya Pradesh, India, Tel: (91-755) 760-851, E-mail: sdsomp@mp.nic.in, Contact: Mr. J.K. Tiwari

**Karnataka Urban Water Sector Improvement (Ln. 4730-IN):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 April 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82510. US\$ 39.5 (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. K.P. Krishnan, Managing Director

**Maharashtra Water Sector Improvement:** The objectives of the project are to: (a) to strengthen the state's capacity for multi-sectoral planning, development, and sustainable management of water resources, and (b) improve irrigation service delivery on a sustainable basis to increase productivity of irrigated agriculture and contribute to rural poverty reduction. Appraisal is scheduled for November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 84790. US\$ 147.5/147.5 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Irrigation Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032 Maharashtra, India, Tel: (91-22) 2202-3038, Fax: (91-22) 2283-4335, 2202-5446, Contact: Mr. S.V. Sodal, Secretary

**Uttaranchal Decentralized Watershed Development (Cr. 3907-IN):** The objective of the project is to improve the productivity of resources through institutionally and ecologically sustainable approaches that are participatory and socially inclusive. Approved by the Executive Directors on 20 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78550. US\$ 69.6 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Watershed Management Directorate, Government of Uttaranchal, Dehradun, India, E-mail: wmd@vsnl.com

### Maldives

#### Education

**(R) Integrated Human Development (Cr. 3948-MAL):** The project aims at (a) improving education, health and nutrition services; (b) promoting regional equity by strengthening social services and increasing economic opportunities in atolls remote from Male; and (c) concentrating services and populations on ecologically viable islands. Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78523. US\$ 15.6 (IDA). Consultants are required for implementation. Ministry of Education, Ghazee Bldg., Male 20-05, Republic of Maldives, Fax: (960) 315-474, 321-201, E-mail: piu@hrd.gov.mv, Contact: Shehenaz Abdullah, Assistant Director

## Nepal

### Education

**(R) Education for All (Cr. 3956-NEP):** The objective of the project is to consolidate institutional capacities at national, district and school levels to plan and deliver more efficient and better quality education services and to raise primary school quality. It will address human and physical requirements to universalize primary education, and ensure that school improvement strategies are in place. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74633. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). *Cofinancing is expected from Denmark, Finland, Norway and the United Kingdom.* Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Sports, Keshar Mahal, Kantipath, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 441-1599, Fax: (977-1) 441-4887, E-mail: moes@enet.com.np, Contact: Mr. Vidhyadhar Mallik, Secretary

**Higher Secondary Education:** The project will support ongoing higher secondary education reforms that complement the tertiary education reforms carried out under the Higher Education Project (Cr. 2560-NEP). The areas of greatest emphasis will be decentralization and implementation capacity. 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, Tel: (977-1) 663-1590, Contact: Mr. Kamal Prasad Lal Karna, Member-Secretary

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Health Sector Program:** The project aims to expand access to, and increase use of essential health care services, especially by underserved populations. This will be achieved by strengthening service delivery through greater local authority over service provision, *public/private partnerships*, and institutional capacity building and management development. Negotiations were scheduled for late July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40613. US\$ 50.0 (IDA and IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Ramshah Path, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 426-2590, Fax: (977-1) 426-2896, E-mail: hesru@wlink.com.np, Contact: Mr. Lokman Singh Karki, Secretary

### Social Protection

**Poverty Alleviation Fund (H091-NEP):** 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81968. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Poverty Alleviation Fund, National Planning Commission, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 422-9070, Fax: (977-1) 424-0171, E-mail: spsharma@npcnepal.gov.np, shankar@htp.com.np, Contact: Dr. Shankar Sharma, Vice Chairman

### Transportation

**Rural Access Improvement:** The project is designed to replicate and scale up the Rural Infrastructure LIL (Cr. 3215-NP). The objective is to provide rural communities with sustainable physical access to economic opportunities and social services, giving priorities to communities with the greatest need for access. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83923. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Local Development, Department of Local Infrastructure and Development and Agriculture Roads (DOLIDAR), Jawalakhel, Latitpur, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 554-6524, Fax: (977-1) 531-850, E-mail: rippcu@wlink.com.np, Contact: Sohan Sundar Shrestha, Director General

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Rural Water Supply and Sanitation II (Cr. 3911-NEP):** 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) sup-

port communities to form inclusive local water supply and sanitation user groups that can plan, implement and operate drinking water supply and sanitation infrastructure that delivers sustainable health, hygiene and productivity benefits to rural households. *Credit signing was tentatively scheduled for mid-August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71285. US\$ 25.3 (IDA). No consultants are needed. Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Fund Development Board, PO Box 12414, Panipokhari, Lazimpat, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 414-529, 410-761, 415-856, 418-611, Fax: (977-1) 417-899, E-mail: khaskosh@wlink.com.np, Contact: Mr. Raj Babu Shrestha, Executive Director

## Pakistan

### Finance

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

**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. Preappraisal mission completed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76872. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consultants, who have been appointed, will continue providing services for rolling out the accounting system. The need for other consultants has not been identified. Auditor General/Controller General of Accounts, Audit House, Constitution Ave., G-5 Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 922-4080, Fax: (92-51) 922-5243, E-mail: psagp@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Yunis Khan, Auditor General

### Law and Justice

**(R) 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 79635. 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

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support:** The project is designed to support implementation of the country's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) in four major areas: (a) accelerating economic growth and maintaining macroeconomic stability; (b) improving governance and supporting devolution to the provincial and local levels; (c) investing in human capital and reducing gender gaps; and (d) strengthening social safety nets. Board presentation is scheduled for 2 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78806 US\$ 300.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Block C, Rm. 308, Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 921-

0629, Fax: (92-51) 920-6029, Contact: Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, Secretary, Economic Affairs Division

**(R) Public Sector Capacity Building (Cr. 3904-PAK):** 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. *The credit was signed on 16 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83370. US\$ 55.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required and have been identified. Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, 424, Q Block, Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-1023, Fax: (92-51) 921-1316, Contact: *Asif Bajwa*, Additional Secretary (*Finance*)

**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. Appraisal mission completed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77306. US\$ 102.0 (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

### Rural Development

**(R) Punjab Barrage Safety:** The objective of the project is to prevent disastrous barrage failure and therefore provide reliable water supply for irrigation and drinking, which will enhance farmers' incomes and benefit millions of people in the poor rural areas of the province. Preparation mission *completed*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88994. US\$ 130.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Irrigation & Power Department, Punjab Province, Old Anarkali, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 921-2091, Fax: (92-42) 921-0675, E-mail: iri-lhr@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Ehsan Sardar, Chief Engineer and Provincial Coordinator

**(R) Sindh On-Farm Water Management (Cr. 3905-PAK):** 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. *Signing was tentatively scheduled for mid-August, 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78997. US\$ 61.1 (IDA). Consultants 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

**Punjab On-Farm Water Management:** The objective of the project is to increase agricultural productivity and farm incomes by improving irrigation water efficiency and management in tertiary level irrigation systems (water courses) and on member farm fields. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84551. US\$ 88.4 (IDA). Consultants will be required for monitoring and evaluation, quality assurance and project management support. Directorate of Water Management, Agriculture Department, Government of Punjab, 21 Agha Khan Road, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 930-0703, Fax: (92-42) 920-0702, Contact: Mr. Mushtaq A. Gill, Director General, Water Management

### Water and Sanitation

**NWFP Community Infrastructure Services II (Cr. 3906-PAK):** The project will be a demand led local infrastructure and services program. Its key feature will be partnerships between local governments and their communities. *Signing is tentatively scheduled for mid-August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID 82621. US\$ 37.1 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Local Government, North West Frontier Province, 3rd Floor PDA Commercial Complex Block A, PH V Hayatabad, Peshawar, NWFP, Pakistan, Tel: (92-91) 921-7347, Fax: (92-91) 921-7350, E-mail: admincip@pes.cim-sats.net.pk, Contact: Mr. Wakil Khan Afridi, Secretary, Tehsils Municipal

Administration, Contact: Dr. Jamal Nasir, Director General CIP; Citizen's Community Boards

**Sindh Water Sector Improvement:** The objective of the project is to improve water productivity through the reform agenda and require investments leading to a better management system that links the canal command areas, the distributary and the watercourse level. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84302. US\$ 140.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority, 13 Ch Khaligu Zaman Rd., Clifton, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 920-0647, Fax: (92-21) 925-1255, E-mail: pcc@ndpsindh.gov.pk, Contact: Ijaz Qureshi, Acting Managing Director, Irrigation and Power Department

## Sri Lanka

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Health Sector Development (H095-CE):** The objectives of the project are to improve efficiency, equity and quality of health care by strengthening planning, management and monitoring capacity with specific focus on supporting district and divisional preventive care services. *The grant was signed on 9 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 50740. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Welfare, Sawasiripaya 385, Baddegama Wimalawansa Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-1) 698-471, Fax: (94-1) 678-896, Contact: Dr. A Kahandaliyanage, Director General Health Services

### Information and Communication

**(R) E-Sri Lanka Development:** The objective of the project is to promote effective use of information and communication technology as an enabler for development throughout key sectors of the economy. *Negotiations completed.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81771. US\$ 53.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. ICT Agency, No. 561/3, Elvitigala Mw. Colombo 5, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-1) 510-550/554, E-mail: are@cintec.lk, Contact: Manju Haththotuwa, CEO

### Rural Development

**(R) Community Development and Livelihood Improvement (H078-CD):** The objective of the project is to enable the rural poor to improve their livelihood and quality of life. The grant was scheduled to be signed in *early August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74872. US\$ 51.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Gemi Foundation, c/o Ministry of Samurdhi, 7A Reid Ave., Colombo 7 Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 268-8947, Fax: (94-11) 268-2029, E-mail: batuwita@sltnet.lk

### Social Protection

**Poverty Reduction Support II:** The project, the second of a series of annual adjustment operations, will focus on rural development and welfare reforms. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 125.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Secretariat Bldg., Colombo 01, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 2431-761, Fax: (94-11) 2449-823, Contact: Mr. Charitha Ratwate, Secretary

### Transportation

**Road Sector Assistance:** The objective of the project is to provide beneficiaries with improved and sustainable road transport by enhancing the durability, efficiency and economic impact of the national road network in use. The project will also set out the framework for improving the institutional capacity of the decentralized governance system for rural road infrastructure maintenance and rehabilitation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services are being procured. Road Development Authority, E-mail: wbrda@sltnet.lk, Contact: Mr. Paskaran, Project Director

### Urban Development

**North East Housing Reconstruction:** The program will support the borrower and other stakeholders in providing the poorest conflict-affected families with improved and affordable housing units in the North East. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83932. US\$ 75.0 (IDA). Consulting services to

be determined. North East Housing Reconstruction Unit, Provincial Ministry of Rehabilitation, North East Provincial Council, 56, Central Rd., Orrs Hill, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-26) 222-5336, Fax: (94-26) 222-5335, E-mail: pdepcddp@sltmet.lk, Contact: Mr. Rangarajah, Chief Secretary

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) North-East Irrigated Agriculture II:** The objective of the project is to help conflict-affected communities in the North-East Province and adjoining areas to restore livelihoods, enhance production and incomes, and build their capacity for sustainable social and economic reintegration. This is a follow-up operation to the ongoing North-East Irrigated Agriculture Project. *The credit was scheduled to be signed on August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86747. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Project Management Unit, North-East Provincial Council, 171 Power House Rd., Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-26) 222-4005, Fax: (94-26) 222-4006, E-mail: neiap@sltmet.lk

## Europe and Central Asia

### Albania

#### Economic Management

**Poverty Reduction Support 3:** The objective of the project is to support development and implementation of fiscally sustainable policies within the framework of the government's three-year National Strategy for Social and Economic Development, that support a higher quality of life (especially for the poor), and that are consistent with the country's overall growth strategy. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83337 US\$ 10.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Dëshmorët e Kombit Blvd., Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 228-373, Fax: (355-4) 258-435, E-mail: deputy.minister@minfin.gov.al, Contact: Ms. Adriana Berberi

#### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Butrint National Park Global Biodiversity and Heritage Conservation:** The project aims at (a) connecting biodiversity conservation and sustainable ecosystem management with conservation of world heritage in the Butrint aquatic and wetland complex, and (b) mobilizing donors' support for long-term financing of the park complex. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85089 US\$ 1.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Butrint National Park, Office for Administration and Coordination to the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Blvd. "Deshmoret e Kombit," Tirana, Albania, Tel/Fax: (355-7) 324-600, E-mail: visitbutrint@albmail.com, Contact: Auron Tare, Director

**Coastal Zone Development and Cleanup:** The objective is to protect coastal and marine natural resources and promote sustainable tourism development. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 86807. US\$ 9.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy, 2, Zhana D'Ark Blvd., Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 228-442, Fax: (355-4) 222-655, Contact: Prof. Dr. Anastas Angjeli, Minister

**Natural Resource Development:** The project will focus on micro-catchments in mountain and hilly areas. Its objective will be for participating communities and community members to adopt sustainable natural resource management practices, leading to enhanced productivity and incomes, reduced soil degradation, improved water quality and conservation of critical ecosystems. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82375/89061 US\$ 7.0/4.8 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Directorate of Agricultural Projects and Rural Development, (MoAF), Rruga "Sami Frasherit", No. 4, Tirana e Re, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 227-186, Fax: (355-4) 232-571, E-mail: hakipmu@albaniaonline.net, Contact: Haki Kola, Director, Project Preparation Unit

### Water and Sanitation

**Water Resource Management (Cr. 3914-ALB):** The objective of the project is to increase the contribution of water resources to sustainable economic growth by improving the management of irrigation and other water resources. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82128 US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Scanderbeg Square, Tirana, Albania, Tel/Fax: (355-42) 24597, E-mail: arbenmukaj@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Gjergji Sotiri, Director of Water Management

### Armenia

#### Economic Management

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support:** The objective is to support the strategy of the authorities in public finance and social sector reforms and creation of a competitive private sector economy. *Appraisal is scheduled for September 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78673. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required in the areas of social sector reform and capital market development. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government House, Republic Square, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-2) 523-471, 505-113, Fax: (374-1) 151-736, 528-742, Contact: Robert Harutyunyan, Executive Director, Foreign Financing Projects Management Center

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

**Health System Modernization (Cr. 3920-AM):** This project is a first phase of a two-phase Adaptable Lending Program to support the government's health sector development program. The program is expected to last seven years. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73974. US\$ 19.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health, Toumanyan St., 8 Yerevan 37500 Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 564-156, Fax: (374-1) 564-156, E-mail: hpiu@armhealth.am, Contact: Sergey Khachatryan, Health PIU Director

#### Public Sector Governance

**Public Sector Modernization (Cr. 3891-AM):** The project supports the public sector reform program including: (a) strengthening human resource management, (b) improving policy management capacity, (c) strengthening financial accountability and (d) enhancing capacities of local governments. Approved by the Executive Directors on 4 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 60786. US\$ 10.2 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government House House-1, Republic Square, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 595-304, 521-459, Contact: Manuk Topuzyan, Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister

#### Rural Development

**Agricultural Reform Support (Supplemental) (Cr. 3035-AM):** The additional activities foreseen under this supplemental credit are targeted at helping small farmers recover from the devastating frost of December 2002, replenishing funds reallocated as an early response to the frost damage and spearheading the effort to put in place a lasting response to horticulture's vulnerability to frost. Approved by the Executive Directors on 4 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88262. US\$ 1.7 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Agriculture, PIU, 74, Teryan St., Yerevan 375009 Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 548-090, Fax: (374-1) 544-528, E-mail: arsp@arminco.am, Contact: Mr. Levon Aghamyan, PIU Director

**Irrigation Dam Safety 2 (Cr. 3922-AM):** The objective of the project is to broaden to a larger number of areas the benefits of the ongoing Dam Safety project, protecting the population and the socio-economic infrastructure downstream from dams facing the highest risk of failure. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88499. US\$ 6.8 (IDA). No consultants are required. State Committee for Water Management, Vardanants 13A, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 540-642, Fax: (374-1) 540-472, E-mail: tkalantaryan@wsdp.am, Contact: Tigran Kalantaryan, Deputy Project Director

### Social Protection

**Social Protection Administration (Cr. 3921-AM):** The objective is to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of the public employment, pension and social assistance agencies' services to provide enhanced social protection to the poor and vulnerable. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87620. US\$ 5.2 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Labor and Social Issues, Republic Square, Government House 1, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 523-471, E-mail: info@ff-pmc.am, Contact: Mr. Robert Harutyunyan, Director

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Municipal Water and Wastewater (Cr. 3893-AM):** 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 credit was signed on 14 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 63398. US\$ 23.0 (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

**(R) Yerevan Water and Wastewater Services:** The project will continue work initiated by the Municipal Development projects and improve the efficiency, management, operation, delivery, and financial sustainability of water and wastewater services for the Yerevan service area Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 87641. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). *Consultants will be required.* Municipal Development Project Implementation Unit, S.I., 8 Vardanants Blind Alley, Floor 8, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 522-795, Fax: (374-1) 547-072, E-mail: mdpiu@arminco.com, Contact: Mr. V. Avoyan

### Azerbaijan

#### Economic Management

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support:** The objective of the project is to develop and implement, within the framework of the government's poverty reduction strategy, fiscally sustainable policies that support a higher quality of life, especially for the poor, and that are consistent with the country's overall growth strategy. *Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for October 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 74938. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

#### Energy and Mining

**(R) Power Transmission:** The project aims at establishing an efficient and financially viable power transmission system by creating a central dispatch facility with energy management capability and rehabilitating the existing power transmission grid. Project processing is continuing. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83341. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Azerenerji JSC, 10, Academician Abdul Kerim Ali Zadeh st, Baku, AZ 1005, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 984-184, Fax: (994-12) 985-523, E-mail: teyyar@azernerji.com, Contact: Mr. Teyyar Ibrahimov, Project Director

#### Environment and Natural Resources Management

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

12) 925-294; Fax: (994-12) 385-454; Contact: Mr. Gussein Bagirov, Minister

#### Finance

**Market Services Development:** The project will provide infrastructure and technical assistance to: (a) improve access to financial services in rural areas, via interconnectivity, skills, systems and interface with national payment system. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81616. US\$ 12.3 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. National Bank of Azerbaijan, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 973-970, Fax: (994-12) 935-541

#### Rural Development

**Rural Investment (Cr. 3912-AZ):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 76234. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants have been selected. Agency to Support the Development of the Agriculture Private Sector, Project Preparation Unit under the Cabinet of Ministers, 40 U. Hadjibekov St., Government House, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 934-693, Fax: (994-12) 981-395, E-mail: mehtiev@azeurotel.com, Contact: Mr. Vagif Aslan Huseynov, Director

#### Social Protection

**Pension and Social Assistance (Cr. 3923-AZ):** The objective is to reform administration of the social insurance and social assistance programs. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 49892. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants 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: mlsp@azerin.com, Contact: Mr. Yashar Gamzaev, Grant Implementation Coordinator

### Bosnia and Herzegovina

#### Education

**(R) Education Restructuring:** The objectives of the project are to (a) increase participation in secondary education and access to tertiary education; and (b) improve the efficiency of secondary and higher education delivery, which will allow public funding to be refocused on improving access and quality in the system. Board presentation is scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79226. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for higher education and general education finance, higher education restructuring and secondary education. Project Coordination Units, Vuka Karadzica 1, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 218-417 (RS), (387-33) 665-261 (Fed.), Fax: (387-51) 218-416 (RS), (387-33) 471-767 (Fed.), E-mail: education@inecco.net, pcu-ed@bih.net.ba

#### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Biodiversity Conservation:** The objective is to increase the area under formal protection status in forest and mountain ecosystems, and to develop mechanisms to conserve these ecosystems over the long term. Project preparation is under way. A PCN meeting has been held. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87094. US\$ 4.0 (GEF). An Austrian trust fund for preparation has been requested. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Trampina br.4/1, Sarajevo 71000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 213-098, Fax: (387-33) 213-099, E-mail: piusum@bih.net.ba, Contact: Mr. Alojz Dundjer, PIU Director; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Republika Srpska, Kralja Petra I Karadjordjevic 135-137, Banja Luka 78000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel/Fax: (387-51) 319-675, E-mail: piussume@inecco.net, Contact: Mr. Zeljko Stojanovic, PIU Director

### Public Sector Governance

**Economic Management Structural Adjustment (Cr. 3925-BOS):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 71039. US\$ 34.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required in the areas of education financing and fiscal decentralization. Federation of BiH Ministry of Finance, Mehmed Spahe 5, Sarajevo 71000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 203-147, Fax: (387-33) 203-152, Contact: Mr. Dragan Vrankic, Minister; Republika Srpska Ministry of Finance, Vuka Karadzica 5, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 331-350, Fax: (387-51) 331-361, Contact: Mr. Branko Krsmanovic, Minister

### Social Protection

**Second Employment Support (Cr. 3927-BOS):** The project will provide employment services for an estimated 10,000 people and further the reform agenda to bring behavioral and business change to employment services by focusing their delivery of effective job brokerage services and employment assistance programs, and providing analytical and information services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 84596. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation. Project Implementation Unit in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Antuna Branka Simica 4, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-71) 655-155, Fax: (387-71) 655-155, E-mail: pelrp@bih.net.ba, sbogunovic@rsdef.org

**Second Social Sector Adjustment (Cr. 3926-BOS):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70992. US\$ 51.0 (IDA). Bank is administering a PHRD grant. Additional consultants 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

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Urban Infrastructure and Service Delivery (Cr. 3954-BOS):** The objective of the project is to improve the quality and reliability of delivery of basic infrastructure services in urban areas, thereby prompting significant improvements in the livelihood of the beneficiary population and improving the prospects for local economic development. Approved by the Executive Directors 8 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83353. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for technical assistance, training, design and supervision of works, and project audits. Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Musala 9, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel/Fax: (387-33) 445-911

**(R) Water Quality Protection:** The project will support the international water way protection for the Bosnia and Neretva Rivers water quality program. GEF financing will be secured from the Black Sea Danube program for the Bosnia River. New GEF financing is for the Neretva River. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85112. US\$ 1.5/8.5 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. JP Vodovod, Dr. Ile Budaka 106; Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Tel: (387-088) 318-329, Fax: (387-088) 315-016, E-mail: pitt@cob.net.ba

## Bulgaria

### Energy and Mining

**Energy Efficiency:** The objective is to support a large increase in energy efficiency investment through the establishment of a self-sustaining and market-based financing mechanism. Financially profitable energy efficiency projects will be developed and implemented to pro-

vide sustainable and increasing reductions in green house gas emissions without relying on public subsidy. Project is being appraised Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84831. US\$ 1.5/10.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources, 8 Triaditza Str., Sofia 1040 Bulgaria, Tel/Fax: (359-2) 988-3216, E-mail: todorova@doe.bg, Contact: Ms. Kostadinka Todorova, Director, Energy Strategy Directorate, MEER, Head of Project Preparation Unit

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Programmatic Adjustment II (Ln. 4743-BUL):** 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. The loan was signed on 17 June 2004. 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

**Third Programmatic Adjustment:** The objective is to reduce poverty and empower the population, especially the poor, to participate in economic growth by investing in human capital, strengthening social programs and making them more effective, implementing an anti-corruption strategy and reforming public administration and the judiciary. Board presentation is scheduled for 17 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 78675 US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants for preparation in the education, labor market, health, and social protection areas will be financed by a PHRD grant. Council for Structural Policy, 1 Dondukov Blvd., Sofia 1594 Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 940-2143, Fax: (359-2) 980-7707, Contact: Zinaida Veleva, Director, European Integration and Relations with IFIs, Council of Ministers

### Rural Development

**(R) 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. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PIDs: 33964, 80377. US\$ 30.3/7.8 (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

**Rural Development:** The objective of the project is to improve the living standards and income of the rural poor by strengthening central and local government and their ability to absorb SAPARD funds (and later EU structural funds) targeting rural infrastructure. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 83436. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Department of Rural Development, 55 Hristo Botev Blvd., 4th floor, Sofia 1040 Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 9851-1410, E-mail: mira@mzgar.government.bg, Contact: Miroslava Georgieva, Rural Development Director

## Croatia

### Energy and Mining

**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 by overcoming barriers to implementation of renewable energy. Project processing is continuing. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 71464. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Hrvatska Elektroprivreda Ltd. (HEP), Ulica Grada Vukovara 31, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 632-2302, Fax: (385-1) 617-

0478, E-mail: gordana.lucic@hep.hr, Contact: Mr. Gordana Lucic, ESO Team Leader, Development Department

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**Sustainable Health System:** The objective of the project is to improve the performance of the health system by making it more efficient, enhancing appropriate financial protection for the population, and adding incentives that will be catalysts for change in the delivery system. Project preparation is under way Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 86669. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be needed in the areas of: health finance, health service delivery, public health promotion and capacity building. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ksaver 200, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 460-7517, Fax: (385-1) 460-7520, E-mail: nbenic@miz.hr, Contact: Dr. Nikola Benic, Project Management Unit

### Private Sector Development

**(R) Science and Technology:** *The objectives of the project are to (i) strengthen and restructure research and development institutions to achieve higher levels of applied research and increase their self-sufficiency; and (ii) to increase the ability of beneficiary enterprises to develop, use and adapt technology.* Appraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80258. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will include activities related to institutional building of RDIs and Business Innovation Center of Croatia (BICRO); development of Management Information Systems (MIS) for RDIs and BICRO; a promotion campaign; assistance related to setting up venture capital funds; setting up Technology Centers and Science Parks; assistance to private firms in improving their competitiveness and technology transfer; *setting up a fund to attract promising scientists and researchers from the Croatian international community to transfer knowledge and skills back to Croatia through a variety of activities;* studies and training. Ministry of Science, Education and Sport, Trg J.J. Strossmayera 4, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 459-4441/47, Fax: (385-1) 459-4449/69, E-mail: Dragan.Soljan@mzos.hr, Contacts: Mr. Dragan Soljan, Director, Project Management Unit

**Programmatic Adjustment:** The objective of the project is to support the government's medium-term reform program. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82278 US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**(R) Social and Economic Recovery:** The objective of the project is to address post-conflict reconstruction and sustainable development in war-affected and disadvantaged areas. The main development objective is to increase social cohesion and sustainable economic opportunities among different war-affected and marginalized groups in various ethnic communities. In order to achieve this, the project will adopt a social fund approach to financing community-selected activities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 76730. US\$ 33.3 (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

### Social Protection

**Social Protection:** The objective of the project is to have an efficient, affordable social welfare system that will provide improved services and address the varied needs of its clients. Appraisal mission is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 69937. US\$ 36.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ksaver 200, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 460-7555, Fax: (385-1) 467-7091, Contact: Mr. Nino Zganec, State Secretary

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Coastal Cities Pollution Control (Ln. 7226-HR):** 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. *The loan was signed on 2 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 65416. US\$ 47.5 (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 Vokovara 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

### Economic Management

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support:** The objective of this project is to support government structural reforms necessary to promote growth, sustain macroeconomic stability and reduce poverty. Project was scheduled to be identified in early FY05. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 88820. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 70, I Abasidze St. Tbilisi 0612 Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 252-904, Fax: (995-32) 5532-3122, E-mail: protocol@mof.ge, Contact: Mariam Dahkunderidze, Head of Protocol

**(R) Reform Support:** The project will provide quick and urgently needed assistance to the new authorities to help restore fiscal balance and support a first phase of efforts to undertake important economic and governance reforms. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2004. The credit was signed on 1 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 57814. US\$ 24.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 70, I. Abasidze St. Tbilisi 0612 Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 252-904, Fax: (995-32) 5532-3122, E-mail: protocol@mof.ge, Contact: Mariam Dahkunderidze, Head of Protocol

### Public Sector Governance

**Public Sector Reform:** The objective of the project, which will be coordinated with adjustment credits, is to improve public sector management and civil service functioning. Project was scheduled to be identified in early FY05. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 63081. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

### Rural Development

**(R) Rural Development:** The objective of the project is to develop the private commercial agriculture sector by facilitating access of small farmers to supply chains and improving the competitiveness of the supplies system in response to demand from domestic and international markets. This would increase incomes and employment and reduce poverty in rural areas. *Appraisal mission was tentatively scheduled for July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 78544. US\$ 16.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Project Coordination Center, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, 41 Kostava St., Tbilisi 380062 Georgia, Fax: (995-32) 996-261, E-mail: revazasatiani@ad-pcc.org.ge, Contact: Mr. Revaz Asatiani, PCC Director

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**Community-Based Tourism and Cultural Asset Management:** The objective of the project is to improve the management of cultural assets in terms of financial and social sustainability. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87888. US\$ 3.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Fund for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, 7 Yetim Gurji St., Tbilisi, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 252-220, 983-161, 931-469, Fax: (995-32) 985-713, E-mail: chi@access.sanet.ge, Contact: Mr. David Ninidze, Director

### Transportation

**(R) Secondary and Local Roads:** The objective of the project is to rehabilitate 200 km of secondary and 500 km of local roads as a pilot program to improve market integration and access to services for the rural poor. *The credit was signed on 1 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86277. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Transport Reform and Rehabilitation Center, 12, Kazbegi Ave., Tbilisi 380060, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 912-689, E-mail: trrc@trrc.ge, Contact: George Tsagareli, Director



## Hungary

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

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

## Kazakhstan

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(R) Forest Protection and Reforestation:** The objective of the project is to develop environmental and economic services through more sustainable use, increased productivity and enhanced conservation of forest and associated rangeland resources, with a focus on the north-eastern pine forest and southern saxaul woodlands. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78301. US\$ 25.0/5.0 (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

### Rural Development

**(R) 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. *Appraisal mission was tentatively scheduled for July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 49721. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, 49 Abai St., Astana 473000, Kazakhstan, Tel: (3172) 323-784, Fax: (3172) 324-541, Contact: Ms. Liliya Musina, Deputy Minister.

**(R) Second Agricultural Post-Privatization Assistance:** The development objective is to enhance rural finances by: (a) strengthening and expanding rural financial advisory services program; (b) supporting agricultural risk management; (c) deepening rural outreach of commercial banks and leasing companies; and (d) supporting sustainable rural microfinance. *Negotiations have been rescheduled for August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 58015. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of elaborating microfinance training modules and conducting workshops for farmers and local consultants in financing options. Ministry of Agriculture, 49 Abai Ave., Astana 473000 Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3272) 324-537, Fax: (7-3272) 316-040, 324-299, E-mail: appap@mail.ru, Contact: Mr. Serik Mazhekenov, Head, Investment Department

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Northeastern Kazakhstan Water Supply and Sanitation:** The objective of the project is to improve the quality, reliability, efficiency, financial viability and sustainability of the Kokshetau water supply and sanitation networks. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70008. US\$ 83.0 (IBRD). Financing from the government is expected in the amount of US\$ 32.5. Consultants will be required. Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, 28-a Mozhaiskiy St., 473201 Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 356-770, Fax: (7-3172) 356-776, E-mail: consultants\_astana@nursat.kz, Contact: Mr. Evgeny Lukinykh, Project Implementation Unit

## Kyrgyz Republic

### Education

**(R) Rural Education:** The objective of the project is to improve the coverage and quality of primary and secondary education, with improved coverage defined as improved school attendance in grades 1 through 11, and improved quality as better student learning achievement in the same grades. *Preappraisal mission was in the field in July.* Appraisal is scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78976. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. A PHRD grant (TF052684) is being used for preparation. Ministry of Education, PIU Director to be identified

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Disaster Hazard Mitigation (H096-KG):** The project will: (a) rehabilitate old mine tailings and waste dumps to minimize exposure to radionuclides; (b) improve the effectiveness of disaster management and response; and (c) reduce the potential loss of life in key landslide areas of the country. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83235 US\$ 6.9 (IDA Grant) Consulting services will be required for design and construction supervision and capacity building. Ministry of Ecology and Emergency, Toktonaliev Street, Bishkek 720055, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 547985, Fax: (996-312) 547985, E-mail: georisk@exnet.kg, Contact: Mr. Anarkul Aitaliev, Director Department of Emergencies Monitoring and Forecasting

### Private Sector Development

**Agribusiness and Marketing:** The objectives of the project are to (a) expand processing, marketing and trading downstream of the farm-gate, (b) increase the number and economic importance of producer organizations, and (c) build trade links among producers and primary and secondary trade organizations. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 49724 US\$ 8.5 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry, Kievskaya ul. 96A, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 623-616, Fax: (996-312) 623-632, E-mail: imukambaeva@abmp.elcat.kg, Contact: Irina Mukambaeva, Head, Project Preparation Unit

## Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**Health Sector Management (Ln. 4733-MK):** The project will build upon the Health Sector Transition Project, which supported an initial phase of health reforms aimed at improving cost-effectiveness, fiscal sustainability and patient choice in the health system. Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86670. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. A PHRD grant (TF026814) was used for preparation. Ministry of Health, 50th Division 6, Skopje 91000 FYR Macedonia, E-mail: dgjorgiev@mt.net.mk, Contact: Dragan Gjorgiev, PPI Director

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Public Sector Management Adjustment II (Ln. 4734-MK):** The objective of the project is to support reforms in central government budget formulation and execution, procurement, auditing and civil service, along with sectoral reforms in health care and social assistance. Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 May 2004. *The loan was tentatively scheduled to be signed on 23 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 74893. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during implementation. Ministry of Finance, Skopje, Macedonia, Tel/Fax: (389-2) 312-6015, E-mail: goran.anceski@finance.gov.mk, Contact: Mr. Goran Anceski, Project Coordinator

### Social Protection

**Social Protection Implementation (Ln. 4932-MK):** The objective of the project is to (a) increase effectiveness, efficiency, equity, and transparency in resource allocation and delivery of social protection services; (b) improve efficiency and targeting of pension insurance and social protection services, including improved administration of benefits, social welfare services, employment and labor market programs;

(c) introduce, operate, and regulate new pension system; and (d) strengthen institutional capacity in social protection. Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74358. US\$ 9.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation of the pension and social protection components. Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Dame Gruev 14, Skopje, Macedonia, Tel: (389-2) 310-6216, E-mail: vpetkovic@mts.gov.mk, Contact: Ms. Vesna Petkovic, Project Director

### Transportation

**Railways Reform:** The objective of the project is to improve the financial viability, productivity, and effectiveness of railway operations. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83499. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Communication, Skopje 1000 The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-23) 123-292, Fax: (389-23) 126-228

## Moldova, Republic of

### Energy and Mining

**Renewable Energy from Agricultural Wastes:** The objective is to overcome barriers for development of biomass technology in the country by demonstrating best practices in the sustainable use of biomass fuelled energy systems as a viable alternative to gas, oil, and coal in rural communities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84688 US\$ 1.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Consolidated Agricultural Project Management Unit (CAPMU), 9 Cosmonautilor St., Office 544, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, MD-2005, Tel: (373-22) 223-106, E-mail: igorashov@capmu.md, Contact: Mr. Igor Gorashov, General Director

### Public Sector Governance

**Public Financial Management Technical Assistance:** 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 preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82916. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Cofinancing is being negotiated with the EU for up to US\$ 6.0. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 7 Cosmonautilor St., Chisinau 2005, Moldova, Tel: (373-2) 221-307, Fax: (373-2) 243-775, E-mail: nlupan@minfin.moldova.md, Contact: Ms. Zinaida Grecianii, Minister

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**(R) Social Investment Fund II (Cr. 3931-MD):** 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. *The credit was signed on 18 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 79314. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. 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

**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. GEF Council consideration for approval is scheduled for 17 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74139. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Territorial Development, str Cosmonautilor 9, Moldova 2005 mun, Chisinau, Tel: (373-2) 22-86-08

## Poland

### Energy and Mining

**(N) Hard Coal Mine Closure (Ln. 7247-POL):** The objective of the project is to reform the hard coal industry to become a profitable sector by improving efficiency through capacity restructuring, environmental improvement and subsidence repair. Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83093. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Labor and Social Policy, Plac Trzech Krzyzy 3/5, Warsaw 02-950 Poland, Tel: (48-22) 628-1887, Fax: (48-22) 693-4006; Miłkne Restructuring Company, ul. Kopolniana 6, Warsaw 40-205 Poland

**(R) Krakow Energy Efficiency:** The project will improve energy efficiency and reduce emission of atmospheric pollutants in the Krakow region. *Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for 12 July 2004.* 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

### Rural Development

**Post-Accession Rural Support:** The objective of the project is to develop the rural sector in the medium term. It will help increase the level of employment in rural areas, the ongoing decentralization of local self-government and regional development, and strengthening institutional capacity to absorb European Union structural funds. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 65270. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy, Labor and Social Policy, 1/3 Nowogrodzka St., Warsaw 00-503 Poland, Tel: (48-22) 661-0191, Fax: (48-22) 661-0190, E-mail: marek\_szczepanski@mpips.gov.pl, Contact: Marek Szczepanski, Under-Secretary of State

## Regional

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Lake Skhoder Integrated Ecosystem Management:** The objective of the project is to assist the governments of Albania and Montenegro in achieving more sustainable use of natural resources of the lake and its watershed. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 84605. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Rr. Durrresi, No. 27, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 270-624, Fax: (355-4) 270-624, E-mail: zamir@cep.tirana.al, Contact: Mr. Zamir Dedei, Director of Nature Protection; Ministry of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning, Poslovni Centar Vectra, 81000 Podgorica Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 482-167, Fax: (381-81) 234-131, E-mail: viktors@mn.yu, Contact: Mr. Viktor Subotic, Project Director

## Romania

### Energy and Mining

**Mine Closure, Rehabilitation, and Socio-Economic Regeneration (Mining II):** The objective of the project is to provide social support for unemployed ex-miners and their families and for communities where mines have closed or are being closed. It will also assist with mine closure and remediation of environmental damage to mining areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87807. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Trade, 152-154, Calea Victoriei, 1st Floor, Room 116, Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 210-4984/4130, Fax: (40-21) 315-1155, E-mail: tnicolae@minind.ro, Contact: Mr. Nicolae Turdan, Director, Project Management Unit, Mine Closure and Social Mitigation Project

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(R) Modernizing Agricultural Knowledge and Information Systems:** The objective of the project is to assist the government to improve the competitiveness of farmers and agro-processors in the EU accession environment. *Appraisal mission was tentatively scheduled for July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86949 US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture,

Forests, Waters, and Environment, Bd. Carol nr.24, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 315-2950, Fax: (40-21) 315-2965, E-mail: simonap@pmu-assp.ro, Contact: Simona Paranci, Project Director

### Public Sector Governance

**Programmatic Adjustment:** The project will support the government's efforts to improve the performance of the executive and judiciary in each of the following institutional and governance areas: policy formulation and coordination; public expenditure management; human resource management; and the judiciary. The project will identify actions that the government and the judiciary will undertake in each of these areas as well as desired results. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for 20 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 8791. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency is to be determined.

## Russian Federation

### Education

**E-Learning Support (Ln. 4726-RU):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 2 March 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75387. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired. National Training Foundation, 3/5 Smolensky Blvd., Moscow 119898 Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 246-1884, Fax: (7-095) 246-9892, E-mail: info@ntf.ru, Contact: Mrs. Elena Soboleva, Executive Director

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**Child Welfare Development:** The objectives of the project are to improve the welfare of the most vulnerable families and children, protect human capital, and ensure that the government is able to use its public resources more effectively to improve the welfare of families and children at risk. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77346. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Labor and Social Development, Birzhevaya Place #1, Moscow 101999 Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 928-06-83, Fax: (7-095) 921-73-69, Contact: Mr. A. P. Pochinok, Minister

### Public Sector Governance

**Land Registration and Cadastre:** The objective of the project is to build efficient land administration systems to facilitate development of efficient markets for land and real estate. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78420. US\$ 130.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Land Cadastre Service, Prospect Vernadskogo 37, korpus 2, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 930-7351, Fax: (7-095) 930-2794, E-mail: alo@fc-land.ru, Contact: Mr. Aleksei Overchuk, Deputy Chief, Ministry of Justice, Ulica Voroncova Polya, 4-A, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 206-0253, Fax: (7-095) 916-2903, Contact: Mr. Alexander Karlin, First Deputy Minister, Center for Land Reform Implementation Support Project (Project Preparation Unit), Tel/Fax: (7-095) 238-9062, E-mail: landrf@col.ru, Contact: Mr. Igor Rumiantsev, Director

### Urban Development

**(R) 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. The project has been approved by the government, and loan signing is expected by late July 2004. Environmental Assessment

Category U. PID: 69063. US\$ 161.1 (IBRD). Consultants have been selected. Ministry of Finance, 9 Ilyinka ul., Moscow 103097 Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 913-4406, Fax: (7-095) 913-4531, Contact: Mr. Alexander Pavlov; Ministry of Culture, 7 Kitaygorodsky Proyezd, Moscow 103097 Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 925-0608, Fax: (7-095) 925-9158, Contact: Mr. Mikhail Svidkoy, Minister; City of St. Petersburg, Smolny Palace, St. Petersburg 193060 Russian Federation, Tel: (7-812) 319-9030, Fax: (7-812) 310-0002, Contact: Mr. A. Vakhmistrov, Vice-Governor for Construction

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Hydromet Modernization:** The objective of the project is to improve RosHydromet's capacity to provide weather and hydrological services and to assure effective delivery of weather forecasts to the government and the public by modernizing key elements of its technical base and strengthening its institutional arrangements. In turn this objective supports the higher-level goal of reducing risk to life and damage to the economy from weather and climate-related events. *Appraisal completed.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82239. US\$ 86.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring (RosHydromet), 12 Novovagan'lovsky pereulok, Moscow 123995 Russian Federation, Tel: (7-095) 205-4813, Fax: (7-095) 252-1158, E-mail: gusev@mecon.ru, Contact: Alexander I. Gusev, Chief, Technical Department

## Serbia and Montenegro

### Economic Management

**Second Structural Adjustment, Montenegro:** The objective of the project is to support key reforms to promote growth and support further fiscal consolidation. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for mid-July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 74908. US\$ 18.0 (IDA). Consultants have been hired. Ministry of Finance, 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

**Second Structural Adjustment, Serbia:** The objective of the project is to achieve the structural reforms necessary to lay the foundation for enduring growth and macroeconomic stability. Appraisal is scheduled for 15 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78457. US\$ 70.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Republic of Serbia, Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 3616-533, Fax: (381-11) 3616-535, E-mail: informacije@mfn.sr.gov.yu, Contact: H.E. Bozidar Djelic, Minister

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Danube River Enterprise Pollution Reduction:** The objective of the project is to increase the prevalence of environmentally sound practices among eligible enterprises and thereby reduce pollution of the Danube River. It will also aim at building capacity to improve environmental management. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 84604. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry for Protection of Environment and Natural Resources, 91, Dr. Ivana Ribara St., Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 161-180, Fax: (381-11) 158-793, E-mail: brana.andric@ekoserb.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Branka Andric, Special Adviser

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Health System Improvement (Cr. 3918-YF):** The objective is to put in place the first phase of steps towards reform of the health system in the Republic of Montenegro, giving priority to increasing capacity for policy, planning and regulation, stabilizing health financing, and improving health care service delivery. *The credit was signed on 11 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82223. US\$ 7.0 (IDA). The following types of consultants are needed for preparation: planning expert, change management expert; PHC coordinator, functional planner/architect; health information systems expert; adviser on health financing policy and regulations; adviser/coordinator in HIF; public relations/communications expert; project management and procurement adviser; procurement officer; finance officer; project coordinator; elderly care expert; medical equipment ex-

pert and pharmaceutical law and regulations expert/adviser. Ministry of Health, Trg Cektre, Poslovni Centar Krusevac bb, Podgorica 81000 Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 234-053, Fax: (381-92) 242-762

### Social Protection

**(R) Montenegro Pension System Administration Investment (Cr. 3919-YF):** The objectives of the project are to (a) improve collection of pensions and social contributions and (b) build capacity and reform administration of key pension institutions. *The credit was signed on 11 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87470. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants have been selected. Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Financial Systems and Public Expenditures, Government Bldg., Jovana Tomasevica BB, 81000 Podgorica Republic of Montenegro, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 202-215, 202-195, Fax: (381-81) 202-218, Contact: Ivan Bojanovic, Project Coordinator

### Transportation

**(R) Transport Rehabilitation (Cr. 3909-YF):** The objectives of the project are to provide periodic maintenance and rehabilitation of key road sections, strengthen transport institutions, improve the legal and regulatory framework and develop the road construction and maintenance industry. *The credit was signed on 9 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75207. US\$ 55.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Serbia Road Directorate, Bul. Kralja Aleksandra 282 Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Contact: Mr. Branko Jovic, Director

## Slovak Republic

### Law and Justice

**Legal and Judicial Reform:** The objective of the project is to increase access to justice through: (a) improved capacity for systematic evaluation of the impacts of laws and regulations; (b) improved performance of courts; and (c) increased efficiency and effectiveness of legal aid programs. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74930. US\$ 7.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been identified for project preparation in the areas of information technology (hired under the German Trust Fund), and Regulatory Impact Assessment. Ministry of Justice, Zupné Square 13, 813 11 Bratislava, Slovak Republic, Tel: (42-12) 5935-3111, Fax: (42-12) 5441-5952, E-mail: luciazitnanska@justice.sk, Contact: Mrs. Lucia Zitnanská, State Secretary

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**Social Development Fund:** The objective of the project is to include more at-risk and marginalized groups and communities through community development work and from better access to economic opportunities and social services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 78414. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Technical assistance work requiring consultants is being funded by a PHRD grant. Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Family, Spitalska 4-6, Bratislava 81643 Slovak Republic

## Tajikistan

### Economic Management

**Structural Adjustment 3:** The objective of the project is to support the country's structural reform agenda, including improvements in public resource management and governance. Project preparation is on hold, awaiting progress on previous adjustment operation. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 74889 US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(R) Community Agriculture and Watershed Management (Cr. 3928-TJ, H097-TJ):** The objective is to build the productive assets of rural communities in selected mountain watersheds, in ways that sustainably increase productivity and curtail degradation of fragile lands and ecosystems. *The credit was signed 14 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PIDs: 77454, 81159. US\$ 5.0/5.8/4.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/GEF). Consultants will be required. 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, rirp@tajnet.com, Contacts: Mr.

T. Ostanaev, Director, PMU, Mr. Koimdadov Kozidovlat, Deputy Prime Minister, Rural Development

### Rural Development

**Ferghana Valley Water Resources Management:** The objectives of the project are to (a) increase productivity of irrigated agriculture and income of about 250,000 people by improving land and water management and (b) improve regulation and dam safety of the Kayrakum reservoir. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84035. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources Management, 5/1 Shami St., Dushanbe 734001 Republic of Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 359-740, 353-566, Fax: (992-372) 357-640, E-mail: ahad\_jwrmi@tjinter.com, Contact: Ahrorov Ahadjon Aubovich, Head of Investments and Foreign Relations

## Turkey

### Education

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

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Anatolia Watershed Rehabilitation (Ln. 4741-TU):** The objective of the project is to support sustainable natural resource management and poverty reduction in degraded watersheds in Anatolia and the Black Sea coast. Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 70950/75094. US\$ 20.0/7.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required for planning, monitoring, and evaluation. 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 Koksal, 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

**Seismic Risk Mitigation:** The objective of the project is to mitigate the seismic risk in municipalities of Istanbul and further strengthen the capacity for emergency preparedness in order to save lives and reduce social, economic, and financial impacts of earthquakes. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78359 US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Prime Ministry/Project Implementation Unit, Bilkent Plaza BI Blok Kat: 1, Bilkent 06530, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 266-7764/7774/4703, Fax: (90-312) 266-7733, E-mail: hdapcu@superonline.com, Contact: Mr. Murat Sungur, Director, BURSA

### Finance

**(R) Third Programmatic Financial and Public Sector Adjustment (Ln. 7233-TU):** 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. *The*

loan was signed on 18 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82996. US\$ 1,000.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and supervision of selected components. Undersecretariat of Treasury, İnönü Bulvarı 36, 06510 Emek, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-6873, Fax: (90-312) 212-8550, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Melih Nemli, Acting General Director, General Directorate of External Economic Relations

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Health Transition (Ln. 4737-TU):** The project aims at narrowing the gap in the access to quality and utilization of health services with other middle-income and EU countries by extending health insurance coverage to the entire Turkish population and reducing inequalities in access to health care, especially for the poor and those living in rural and peri-urban areas. *The loan was signed on 11 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74053. US\$ 60.6 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 06100, Sıhhiye, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 435-7100, Fax: (90-312) 431-4879, E-mail: sabahittin@saglik.gov.tr, Contact: Prof. Dr. Sabahittin Aydın, Undersecretary; Ministry of Labour and Social Security, İnönü Bulvarı No. 42, Emek, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 212-0257, Fax: (90-312) 212-5239, E-mail: mgur@csb.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Mustafa Gür, Deputy Undersecretary

### Public Sector Governance

**Programmatic Public Sector Adjustment:** The project is designed to support the coming phase of the Government's public sector reform program. This phase of public sector reform encompasses: (i) structural fiscal reforms in support of sustained fiscal adjustment, (ii) public expenditure management reforms, and (iii) institutional reforms to improve public governance. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 71052. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Undersecretariat of Treasury, İnönü Bulvarı, Eskisehir Yolu, Emek, 06530, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-6873, Fax: (90-312) 212-8737, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Melih Nemli, Acting General Director of External Relations

### Transportation

**Railway Restructuring:** The objective of the project is to reduce the fiscal burden of railways and increase the competitiveness of the economy by reducing the logistical costs associated with inefficiencies of the railway and port sub-sectors. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77328. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants are needed for short term assignments and to administer a social plan under a US\$ 0.7 PHRD grant. Turkish Railways, Tesisler ve Trafik Dairesi - 06330 GAR, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 309-0515, E-mail: hzeybek43@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Hulyaim H. Zeybek, Deputy Director, Research and Planning Department

### Water and Sanitation

**Municipal Services:** The project will help develop a sustainable municipal finance system. To this end, İller Bank, a municipal bank, is expected to be restructured so that it can make long term loans to finance municipal investments. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 81880. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants are being hired. İller Bank, Bank of Provinces, Yeni Ziraat Mah. 14 sokak, No. 14 Diskapi Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 384-6126, Fax: (90-312) 341-2071, E-mail: h.atasoy@ilbank.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Hidayet Atasoy, General Manager

## Ukraine

### Economic Management

**Third Programmatic Adjustment:** The objective of the project is to effect policy, institutional and structural reforms in financial discipline, regulation, property rights, public sector accountability, and mitigation of social and environmental risks. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79316. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and on Issues of European Integration of Ukraine, 12/2 M. Hrushevskoho St., Kyiv 01008, Ukraine, Tel: (8-044) 253-9394, Fax: (8-044) 226-3181, Contact: Myroslav Illinsky, Head of department for cooperation with IFIs

## Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Methyl Bromide Phase-Out:** The objective of the project is to protect the ozone layer from depletion by ensuring long-term and sustained compliance with the Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol after 1 January 2005, and move forward with complete phase-out of ozone depleting substances in line with the evolution of international practice and obligations. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85138 US\$ 3.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 5 Kreshchatyk St., Kyiv 01601 Ukraine, Tel: (38-044) 226-2428, Fax: (38-044) 228-8383, E-mail: mep@mep.freenet.kiev.ua, Contact: Mr. Svyatoslav Kurulenko, First Deputy Minister

### Finance

**Municipal Credit Market Development:** The objective of the project is to initiate, on a pilot basis, a sustainable market for municipal credit. It emphasizes building a sustainable link for capital investments made by municipalities to be financed by private savings, intermediated through commercial banks. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 87263. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). A PPF advance of US\$ 1.5 became effective 27 May 2004. The PPF will finance 100 per cent of foreign individuals and firms, 87 per cent of local firms, 92 per cent of local individuals, and 90 per cent of incremental operating costs. Ministry of Finance, Tel: (38-044) 201-5602, E-mail: shapovalov@minfin.gov.ua, Contact: Mr. Anatoliy Shapovalov, Deputy Minister; Ukrainian Municipal Loan Fund

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Development of the State Statistics System for Monitoring the Social and Economic Transformation (Ln. 4729-UA):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 25 March 2004. *Signing of the loan and ratification by Parliament is in process.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76338. US\$ 32.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for development of a computer network to deploy the statistics plan and for other purposes. State Statistical Committee, 3 Shota Rustaveli St., Kyiv 23, 01023 Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 226-2021, Fax: (380-44) 227-6611, Contact: Victor Holovko, First Deputy Chairman

### Rural Development

**Rural Finance:** The project would finance: (a) rural credit and leasing for private rural farm and non-farm enterprises, rural entrepreneurs, and farmers; (b) development of retail banking and microfinance institutions that can serve rural areas; and (c) project management and technical assistance in rural financial market development. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 76553. US\$ 125.0 (IBRD). An IBRD advance of US\$ 1.8 has been approved under the Project Preparation Facility to finance preparation. 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 Konovalenko, Head, MU-RFP

### Social Protection

**Social Assistance Reform:** The objective of the project is to administer social safety net programs better, minimizing client burdens, strengthening public information, and improving program monitoring to support policy reforms and effectively target the poor. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75231. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, 8/10 Esplanadna St., Kyiv 01034 Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 2262-4452, Fax: (380-44) 2000-0098, E-mail: mts@ukrpac.net

## Uzbekistan

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**Second Health:** The objective is to improve the quality and overall cost-effectiveness of health care organizations and services. Negotiations completed. Project has been placed on hold at the government's

request Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 51370. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health, Central Project Implementation Bureau, Tashkent Institute of Advanced Medicine Education, "3rd Floor, Health Project," Mirzaulugbek District, Parkentskaya 51, Tashkent 700007 Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 268-2539, Fax: (998-71) 138-5951/52, E-mail: office@cpib.bcc.com.uz, Contact: Dr. Jamshed Maksumov, Director

#### Public Sector Governance

**(R) 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. *Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for 19 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70084. US\$ 7.0/7.0 (IBRD/IDA). 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

## Middle East and North Africa

### Algeria

#### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(R) Municipal Waste Management:** The project aims at implementing an integrated waste management approach based on a strong technical component and a pilot investment component. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77753. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Land Use Planning and Environment, Rue des 4 Canon, Algiers, Algeria, Tel: (213) 2143-2815, Fax: (213) 2143-2816, Contact: Mr. Chemani, Director of Waste Management

#### Information and Communication

**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@post-telecom.dz, younsioui@postelecom.dz, Contacts: M.me. Sayah Salihah, Project Coordinator, M. Yousioui Ali, Secrétaire Général

### Djibouti

#### Education

**Second School Assessment and Improvement:** The objective of the project is to improve basic education. The project will focus on quality and entry into secondary level education, training, implementation of a national textbook policy, and general capacity building for the sector. Appraisal mission is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86994. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be needed, particularly for preparatory studies being financed by a PPF of US\$ 0.3. These are: (a) a consultancy to develop school mapping; (b) a study on cost and financing of education; (c) a

study to develop and/or improve sectoral training plans; (d) a maintenance strategy study; (e) a study on the inclusion of children with special needs; and (f) small equipment supplies. Ministry of National and Higher Education, Djibouti-ville, Republic of Djibouti, Tel: (253) 356-334, Fax: (253) 356-819, E-mail: bepe@intnet.dj, Contact: Mr. Fathi Ahmed Chamsan, Directeur Général

#### Energy and Mining

**(R) Power and Water:** The objectives of the project are to develop the sectors through (a) critically needed investments in power, (b) protection of water resources and (c) institutional restructuring aimed at facilitating investment to the sectors. Preappraisal is scheduled for November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 86379 US\$ 7.0/3.0 (IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required. Office of the Prime Minister, BP 2086, Djibouti Ville, Djibouti, Tel/Fax: (253) 351-812, E-mail: fozdjamyahoo.fr, awaleh\_mohamed@hotmail.com

#### Urban Development

**(N) Flood Emergency Rehabilitation:** The objectives of the project are to (a) repair the economic and social damage of the April 2004 floods, and (b) improve living conditions for the people who were resettled. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 89968. US\$ 6.5 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Agence Djiboutienne d'Exécution de Travaux d'Intérêts Publics, PO Box 4298, Bd. Foch, Djibouti, Republic de Djibouti, Tel: (253) 358-6555, Fax: (253) 357-184, Contact: Mr. Kader Ismail Guelleh, Director General

### Egypt

#### Education

**(R) 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. Preappraisal mission is *in the field*. *Appraisal was scheduled for mid-July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82952 US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education's Program Planning and Monitoring Unit, 8 El-Falaky St., Bab El Louk, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 578-7643/4, Contact: Mr. Ahmed Al Damrawy

#### 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. PID: 73977. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required through preparation and implementation. Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Khalafawi Post No. 11614, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 220-3802, 444-2802/3802, Fax: (202) 444-1192, E-mail: iiscairo@thewayout.net, Contact: Eng. Kemal Enany, First Under Secretary and Head of the Irrigation Improvement Sector

### Iran

#### Rural Development

**Integrated Land and Water Management:** The objective of the project is to enhance current efforts to achieve integrated land and water management at the river basin level through: (i) rehabilitation and development of new irrigation and drainage infrastructure to improve water use efficiency and increase productivity; (ii) improve land and soil conservation in the upper watershed to reduce erosion and sedimentation; and (iii) training and capacity building in outreach and stakeholders participation in the sustainable management of water resources. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 120.0 IBRD. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Jihad and Agriculture, 28, 5th Floor, Shagayegh St., Dehkadeh Ave., Keshavar Blvd., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 612-3027, Fax: (98-21) 896-8945, Contact: Dr. B. Aminpoori, Deputy Minister, Soil and Water; Ministry of Energy

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**Local Development Fund:** The objective is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of community-driven development intervention for poverty alleviation, through strengthening the role and capacity of local governments and civil society organizations in selected disadvantaged areas of four provinces. Appraisal mission is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, Dr. Fatemi Ave., Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, Tel: (98-21) 896-7008, Fax: (98-21) 865-0025, E-mail: borujerdi44@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Ashraf Borujerdi, Deputy Minister for Social Affairs Council

### Transportation

**(N) Road Safety:** The objective of the project is to reduce road accidents in a few high risk road corridors and urban areas and increase the government's capability to address road safety issues. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 86465. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required during project preparation. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Urban Development

**(R) Bam Earthquake Emergency Response:** The project will focus on the reconstruction of the social and economic infrastructure as well as private housing damaged by the quake. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 88060. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance, Tel: (98-21) 311-9429, Fax: (98-21) 391-0024, Contact: Dr. Seyed Jaml Hosseini, Senior Advisor to the President of the Organization for Investment Economic and Technical Assistance

**Tehran Solid Waste Management:** The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and improve facilities, equipment and handling procedures for managing hazardous and toxic wastes in the Tehran area. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Organization of Waste Recycling and Composing, Municipality of Tehran, No. 52, 6th West Andisheh, Andisheh St., Dr. Beheshti Ave., Tehran 19678 Iran, Fax: (98-21) 843-6735, E-mail: ovrwb@bazyaft.com, Contact: Mr. Abolfazl Ebrahimi, Managing Director

**Urban Upgrading and Housing Reform Program (Ln. 4739-IRN):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 25 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73433. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, 60 Bijan St., Vanak Sq., Tehran, Iran, Fax: (98-21) 879-5957, Contact: Mr. Nasser Nikoueresht, Secretary, National Habitat Committee.

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Northern Water Supply and Sanitation:** The project will assist the Provincial Water Supply and Sewerage Companies (PWSC) of Rasht, Anzali, Babol and Sari in: (a) improving service levels of urban water supply and sanitation; (b) improving the quality and increasing the efficiency, through rehabilitation of existing infrastructure; expansion of networks; and modernization of operation and management systems; (c) improving environmental conditions and promoting efficient reuse of effluent from sewage treatment plants for agricultural purposes; (d) improving cost recovery and financial capacity of PWSC, with the objective of making them self-financing; and (e) providing technical assistance to develop private sector participation in the sector. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and supervision. Mazandaran and Guilan Water and Wastewater Companies, Tel: (98-21) 8953-3301, Fax: (98-21) 897-8133, E-mail: elahi\_pannah@nww.co.ir, Contact: Mr. Elahi Panah, Director, Ministry of Energy

**Ahwaz and Shiraz Water Supply and Sanitation:** The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and extend existing water and sanitation systems in the cities of Ahwaz and Shiraz. Approved by the Executive Directors on 25 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71191. US\$ 279.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. National Wa-

ter and Wastewater Engineering Company, 8 Shahid Abdolazadeh St., Keshavars Blvd., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 895-3319, Fax: (98-21) 895-5795, Contact: Mr. Elahipannah, PMU Director

## Iraq

### Education

**(R) Emergency Education Rehabilitation 87907:** The objective of the project is to repair and rehabilitate primary and secondary schools. Negotiations were scheduled for mid-July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 87907. US\$ 60.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required for (a) Procurement management agent; (b) Auditor; (c) Project Management (individual consultants); and (d) design and supervision of civil works (rehabilitation of schools). Ministry of Education, E-mail: ministry@moriraq.info, Contact: Mr. Ali Radhi Al-Haydari, Director General for Administration and Finance

### Rural Development

**(R) Emergency Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation:** The objective of the project is to rehabilitate basic infrastructure. Project design will rest on rapid appraisal and feasibility studies and promote initiatives that build on local ownership and participation. Activities will be managed in a decentralized manner by local administration and communities organizations with a focus on small private sector operations. Decision meeting completed. Appraisal and negotiations were planned for July-August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Resources, Baghdad, Iraq, Tel: (914) 360-4225, E-mail: waleedsalih@yahoo.com, Contact: Waleed A. H. Salih, Director General, Planning Development

### Water and Sanitation

**Emergency Infrastructure Reconstruction I:** The objective of the project is to reconstruct war damaged infrastructure in the water and sanitation sectors, focusing on the most urgently needed facilities as identified by the local population. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works, Contact: Mr. Rakan Al-Allaf, General Director, Baghdad

## Jordan

### Transportation

**Amman Development Corridor (Ln. 7228-JO):** The objectives are to: (a) reinforce the country's role as a regional center for transport and logistics services and (b) provide access to affordable land for productive investment and urban development. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 38.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during implementation for project management and construction supervision services for major road work. Technical assistance will be required for improved transport logistics service and urban planning. Ministry of Public Works and Housing, PO Box 1220, Amman 11118 Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 585-0470, Ext. 4326, Fax: (962-6) 585-7590, 565-8362, E-mail: road@accessme.com, Contact: Mr. Sami Halaseh, Director of Highway Studies

### Urban Development

**Regional and Municipal Development:** The objective of the loan is to: (a) strengthen the intergovernmental finance system, (b) upgrade local financial management, technical and administrative capacities at the local level, and (c) increase the coverage and quality of municipal service provision, with particular emphasis on under-served areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Ministry of Municipal Affairs, PO Box 1799, Amman, Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 467-2135, 460-1228, Fax: (962-6) 569-5627, Contact: Eng. Nart N. B. Naguer, Director, Development Projects Unit; Ministry of Planning, PO Box 555, Amman 11118 Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 463-4511, (962-2) 464-5861, Fax: (962-6) 461-5683, Contact: Eng. Khaled Tarawneh, Director, Regional Planning

## Lebanon

### Finance

**Revenue Enhancement and Fiscal Management Technical Assistance (Ln. 7197-LB):** The objective of the supplemental loan is to finance completion of work associated with the Land and Cadastre System in the Ministry of Finance. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 August 2003. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83514. US\$ 5.3 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Beirut, Lebanon, Fax: (961-1) 981-059, Contact: H.E. Fouad Siniora, Minister

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Bekaa Regional Water Supply and Waste Water:** The objectives of the project are to: (a) operate and maintain water and waste water facilities in the Bekaa Region, (b) undertake rehabilitation works using the operations and the investment fund to be made available by the government, and (c) bill and collect on behalf of the Regional Water Utility for all its customers. *Project is being identified*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 77334. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during preparation to carry out feasibility studies. Council for Development and Reconstruction, Tel: (961-3) 205-663, Fax: (961-1) 981-252, Contact: Mr. Jamal Itani, President

## Morocco

### Education

**Basic Education Reform Support Program:** The objective of the project is to provide a primary and lower secondary education of improving quality to all children ages 6-15 in a financially sustainable manner. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 43412. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de l'éducation nationale et de la jeunesse, Bab Rouah, Rabat, Maroc, Tel: (212-37) 687-221, Fax: (212-37) 779-029 E-mail: dsp\_gouitaa@yahoo.fr Contact: Mr. Ahmed Gouitaa, Directeur de la stratégie, des statistiques et de la planification

### Law and Justice

**(R) Public Administration Reform (Ln. 7245-MOR):** The objective of the project is to improve the effectiveness of public resource management, a key step for accelerated growth and poverty reduction. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 July 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78565. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of General Affairs, Fax: (212-37) 774-287, Contact: Melle Sabah Benchekroun, Chef du pôle des relations internationales et de la macro-économie, Ministère Chargé des Affaires économiques et générales et de la Mise à niveau de l'économie

### Rural Development

**(R) Integrated Forestry:** The objective of the project is to improve the management of biodiversity and natural resources. This will be achieved by (a) sustainably managing forest, water and soil resources and improving agricultural production in peri-forestry areas; (b) improving socio-economic conditions of the rural population; (c) protecting the country's biodiversity; (d) increasing industrial and artisanal wood production; and (e) enhancing forest based services for people's use and enjoyment whether from cities or the countryside. In addition, improved carbon storage resulting from increased vegetative cover and better forest management will contribute to reducing net emissions of greenhouse gases. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75561. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère chargés des Eaux et Forêts, Quartier Administratif, BP 607, Rabat, Morocco, Fax: (212-37) 768-496, Mr. M. Anechoum, Secretary General

### Transportation

**(R) Rural Roads (Ln. 4747-MOR):** The objectives of the project are to (a) significantly increase the level of road access by the rural population, especially in the more disadvantaged provinces, and (b) enhance the impact of improved rural road accessibility through institutional measures aimed at strengthening participatory processes,

improving local road management, monitoring accessibility and facilitating sectoral integration. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 June 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 82754 US\$ 36.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Directorate of Roads, Tel: (212-37) 713-247, Fax: (212-37) 713-259/261, E-mail: imzel@mtpnnet.gov.ma, Contact: Mr. Ahmed Imzel, Head, Planning Division

### Urban Development

**(N) Housing Sector Adjustment Loan:** The objective of the project is to establish a market-based institutional and regulatory environment for the housing sector, including better access to and greater affordability of housing finance and services for the urban poor. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID 83746. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère des Finances et de la Privatisation, Ave. Mohamed V, Quartier Administratif, Rabat, Royaume du Maroc, Tel: (213) 763-171/847, Fax: (212) 3776-1575, E-mail: I.elidrissi@dtfe.finances.gov.ma, Contact: M. El Idrissi, Directeur Adjoint, Département du Trésor

### Water and Sanitation

**Water Supply and Sanitation:** The objectives of the project are to: (a) increase significantly access of rural communities to potable water and safe sanitation and (b) improve hygiene practices in a sustainable manner. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86877. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Station de Traitement, Av. Oued Akreuch, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 759-600, Fax: (212-37) 632-052, Contact: Ms. Samira Badri, Chief, Finance Division

## Tunisia

### Education

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

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(R) Gulf of Gabes:** The objective of the project is to protect marine and coastal resources in the Gulf of Gabes. Appraisal *completed*. *Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for September 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69460. US\$ 6.6 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Environnement, et des Ressources Hydrauliques, Agriculture Centre Urbain Nord, Immeuble ICF, 2080 Ariana, Tunisie, Fax: (216-71) 799-457, Contact: S.E. Monsieur Nadhir Hamada, Secrétaire d'Etat chargé de l'Environnement

### Private Sector Development

**(R) Export Development II (Ln. 7239-TUN):** 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 June 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 71115. US\$ 36.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Commerce and Tourism, 1, ave. Mohamed V, 1001 Tunis, Tunisie, Tel: (216-71) 781-324, Fax: (216-71) 350-997, Contact: H. E. Mr. Mondher Zenaidi, Minister

**(R) Information and Communication Technologies Sector Development (Ln. 7244-TUN):** (*formerly Information and Communication*) The objectives of the project are to (a) improve information and communication performance by fostering reforms in telecommunications and electronic services and (b) accelerate use of information and communication technology by developing and promoting appli-



cations. Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88929. US\$ 13.1 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Communication Technologies and Transport, 3 bis, Rue d'Angleterre, 1000 Tunis, Tunisie, Tel: (216-71) 359-000, Fax: (216-71) 338-121, E-mail: mcom@ministeres.tn, Contact: Mr. Salem Miladi, Director of Planning and Studies

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Urban Water Supply:** The objective of the project is to support the Government of Tunisia and SONEDE in: (a) strengthening of water supply and sewerage sector policy development and implementation processes to enhance sector performance, promote private sector participation and improve sound tariff and subsidy policies; (b) enhancing of SONEDE's performance through operating and financial management capacity buildings; and (c) sustaining the reliability and quality of water service in Greater Tunis and other urban centers, through added production capacity, transmission and distribution network upgrades. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 64836. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Société Nationale d'Exploitation et de Distribution des Eaux (SONEDE), Av. Slimane Ben Slimane, Manar II, Tunis, Tunisie, Tel/Fax: (216-71) 887-000, E-mail: sonede@sonede.com.tn, Contact: Mr. Abdelaziz Mabrouk, Président Directeur Général

### West Bank and Gaza

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

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

**Social Safety Net Reform:** The objectives of the project are: (i) to protect and enhance the human capital of children from the poorest households; and (ii) to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Social Affairs. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81477. US\$ 10.0 (Trust Fund). For preparation, consulting services are required for communications/awareness programs and for training of ministry staff. An audit firm will be contracted to monitor implementation. Consulting services will be required for program monitoring and evaluation. Ministry of Social Affairs, Old Housing Bldg., Rimal, Gaza, Tel: (972-8) 282-9193/7102, Fax: (972-8) 282-7474, Contact: Mr. Walid Emtair, Director General

#### Public Sector Governance

**Public Financial Management Reform:** The objective of the emergency structural adjustment project is to sustain the momentum of ongoing financial management reforms by providing budget support to the Palestinian Authority during its acute economic and fiscal crisis. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 88754. US\$ 20.0 (Trust Fund). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 795, Ramallah, West Bank, Tel: (970-2) 240-0650, Fax: (970-2) 240-0595, E-mail: cbo-mof@palnet.com, Contact: Mr. Salam Fayyad, Minister

#### Social Protection

**Civil Service Pension Reform:** The objective of the project is to design and implement a unified public sector pension system, including modernization of the administration of asset management, benefits and payment administration, and initiation of prudential governance stan-

dards. Appraisal mission is scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Ramallah, West Bank, Tel: (972-2) 240-0372, E-mail: mofdep@hally.net, Contact: Dr. Afef Alawneh, Member of Pension Reform, Steering Committee

### Urban Development

**Land Administration LIL:** The objectives of the project are to: (a) develop national land policy, (b) improve the efficiency and transparency of land administration, and (3) support the Palestinian Land Authority in safeguarding and strengthening management of land records as part of an institutional development framework. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 3.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Palestinian Land Authority, PO Box 1021, Gaza, Tel: (972-8) 282-2318, Fax: (972-8) 282-0265, Contact: H.E. Mr. Freih Abu Middain, Chairman

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Gaza Emergency Water:** The project will (a) support the provision of a private operator to operate and manage water and wastewater services in Gaza; and (b) continue improving the water and sanitation services, through rehabilitation, upgrading and expansion of the existing systems and facilities; (c) support the functional establishment of the Coastal Water utility under the ownership of the local governments representing those communities. *Project preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65920. US\$ 15.0 (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: Eng. Nabil El-Sharif.

### Yemen

#### Education

**(R) Basic Education Development Program:** The objective of the project is to achieve quality basic education for all with special attention to gender equity. *Negotiations are scheduled for mid-July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 76185 US\$ 65.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Credit Administration Unit, Ministry of Education, Tel: (967-1) 200-472, Fax: (967-1) 403-572, E-mail: stp@y.net.ye, Contact: Dr. Abdullatif Almaneeff, Project Director

**(R) Decentralization and Local Development:** The objective of the project, a LIL, is to test methods of implementing key aspects of the government's decentralization strategy. *Negotiations were scheduled for July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 080044 US\$ 4.7 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Local Administration, Sana'a, Yemen, Tel: (9-671) 252-532, Fax: (9-671) 251-513, Contact: H.E. Mr. Sadiq Abu Ras, Ministry of Local Administration

#### Energy and Mining

**(R) Power Sector:** The project seeks to improve further the operating efficiency and finances of the Public Electricity Corp., strengthen its governance and start implementing a new industry structure and regulatory framework. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86865. US\$50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation. For preparation, the need for consultants is still to be determined. Public Electricity Corporation (PEC), PO Box 178, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (968-1) 328-164/5, Fax: (968-1) 328-150/1, E-mail: ypecnt@y.net.ye, Contact: Eng. Abdul Moati Al-Jonaid, Managing Director

#### Transportation

**(R) Rural Access Program, Phase II:** The objective of the project is to reduce isolation by ensuring that rural people have reliable access through local, regional and national road networks. *Project preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 85231. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works and Highways, Rural Access Program Central Management Office, Tel: (967-1) 409-626, Fax: (967-1) 262-609, E-mail: rapcmu@y.net.ye, Contact: Eng. Hakim Aghbari, Director; Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation

## Latin America and the Caribbean

### Argentina

#### Energy and Mining

**(R) 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. *Project processing is on hold.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 57124. US\$ 16.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Comisión Nacional Energía Atómica, Ave. del Libertador 8250, 3er Piso, Oficina 3352, Buenos Aires 1429, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4704-1217, Fax: (54-11) 4704-1165, E-mail: gregui@cnea.gov.ar, Contact: José Gregui, Project Coordinator

#### Finance

**(R) Economic Recovery Support Structural Adjustment (Ln. 7241-AR):** The project aims at supporting the country's efforts to consolidate economic recovery by addressing pending structural reforms in the financial and public utilities sectors and by improving the investment climate, and enhancing competitiveness and export potential of existing and new enterprises, particularly those of small and medium size. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 83982. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Production, Hipolito Yrigoyen 250, 5to Piso, 1310 Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-6352, Contact: Gerardo Hita, Director Nacional de Proyectos con Organismos Internacionales de Crédito

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

**Provincial Maternal-Child Health (Ln. 7225-AR):** The objective of the project is to support a federally-managed program that seeks to (a) stimulate provincial-level extension of formal health insurance to the largely low-income population that currently does not benefit from insurance; (b) provide incentives for the improvement and better utilization of basic health care services; and (c) reinforce key reforms in the structure, financing and regulation of the existing insurance programs, the Obras Sociales Sindicales and Obras Sociales Provinciales. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 April 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 71025. US\$ 135.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Ave. 9 de Julio, 1925 (1332), Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4372-3832, Fax: (54-11) 4384-6997, E-mail: ofilomena@msal.gov.ar, Contact: Oscar Filomena, Coordinador General de la UFI-Salud

#### Social Protection

**Fifth Social Protection:** The objective of the project is to further systemic reforms in social protection. The program will facilitate the consolidation of an integrated and coherent social protection strategy, focusing on: (a) supporting ongoing efforts in social protection reform; (b) enhancing capacity for effective crisis response in protection of vulnerable groups; (c) supporting labor market and other capacity-building programs targeted to poor communities; (d) strengthening institutional capacity for targeting, monitoring and evaluating social protection interventions; and (e) intensifying provincial reforms. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Fondo Participativo de Inversión Social, Ministerio de Desarrollo Social y Medio Ambiente, Ave. 9 de Julio 1925, Piso 17, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4382-2956, Fax: (54-11) 4383-8741, E-mail: darroyo@desarrollosocial.gov.ar, Contact: Lic. Daniel Arroyo, Viceministro

#### Transportation

**(R) National Highway Asset Management (Ln. 7242-AR):** The project will consolidate an efficient road management strategy, bringing about the necessary capabilities to preserve the national road network in the long term. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 June*

2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88153. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation in areas such as: (a) detailed engineering designs for bridges and road safety works; (b) design of a road safety education campaign; (c) design of a monitoring and evaluation system for the road safety pilot strategy; and (d) implementation of the Institutional Renewal Action Plan, including the preparation of a human resources assessment of DNV and the design of a short-term action plan. Dirección Nacional de Vialidad, Av. Julio A. Roca 738 2do Piso, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4343-2857, Fax: (54-11) 4331-7292, Contact: Ing. Nelson Periotti, Administrador General

#### Urban Development

**(N) Buenos Aires City Infrastructure:** The project aims at assisting the City of Buenos Aires in developing a Risk Management Strategy, to reduce vulnerability to floods, with (a) contingency plans and non-structural measures to increase risk information, and (b) mitigate flood effects in the Maldonado basin with infrastructure works. *Preappraisal was tentatively scheduled for August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Unidad de Coordinación para Emergencias, Secretaría de Hacienda, Ave. Corrientes, 1621, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4816-8074, Contact: Ricardo Rebagliati, Coordinador

#### Water and Sanitation

**Urban Drainage Infrastructure and Management:** The project is designed to resolve the highest priority bottlenecks in the macro-drainage systems of economically active metropolitan areas, in order to provide rapid flood relief. However, the main purpose is to establish the strategies, guidelines and institutional framework for proper storm water drainage management. Therefore, this program is intended to serve as a catalyst for efficient investments in drainage infrastructure at both the macro- and micro-level, through institutional capacity building and development of appropriate technical standards and best practices. As a result, the country should be able to reverse the current trend and reduce the severe costs associated with flooding. *Project processing was placed on hold due to the economic crisis.* Preparation is well advanced and some of this work will be utilized for the proposed City of Buenos Aires Drainage project (Maldonado Basin). Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 57453. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants may be required. Unidad Coordinadora de Proyectos con Financiamiento Externo (UCPFE), Secretaría de Obras Públicas, Ministerio de Economía, Av. Hipolito Yrigoyen 250, Piso 12, Oficina 1208, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel/Fax: (54-11) 4349-7632/7622, Contact: Ing. Graciela Aresca, General Coordinator

### Belize

#### Education

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

### Bolivia

#### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) Social Sector Programmatic (Cr. 3942-BO):** The program will support progress in health and nutrition, education, water and sanitation, and social protection and reduce disparities in development outcomes across different regions, ethnic groups and income classes. In addition, it will maintain the social sectors at the center of the government's agenda as it develops a new poverty reduction strategy. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87841. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants are no longer required. Vice-Ministerio de Inversión Pública y Financiamiento Externo, Palacio de Comunicaciones, Piso 11, La Paz, Bo-

livia, Tel: (591-2) 314-761 through /769, Fax: (591-2) 317-408, Contact: Luis Arnal, Vice Minister

### Rural Development

**(R) Community-Based Land Distribution:** The project will facilitate access to land and complementary productive investments by targeted organized groups in selected regions. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87925. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Sustainable Development, *Avenida Mariscal Santa Cruz esq. Oruro, Piso 5, La Paz, Bolivia*, Tel: (591-2) 231-0748, Fax: (591-2) 231-2641, E-mail: *gpedraza@mds.gov.bo*, Contact: Gustavo Pedraza, Minister

**Rural Space:** The objective of the project is to improve the income of poor rural producers, particularly those with indigenous backgrounds, in two or three sub-regions. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83051. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Vice-Ministry of Rural Development of the Ministry of Campesino and Agriculture, Ave. Camacho No. 1471, 2do Piso 2, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 220-3980, 237-4274, Contact: Jhonny Delgadillo, Vice-Minister

## Brazil

### Education

**(R) Higher Education Improvement:** The objectives of the project are to increase access to tertiary education and facilitate the transition to a more diverse, higher quality and more efficient system. The main means for increasing access in the private system will be a loan program for qualified but needy students. The main means for increasing quality, efficiency and relevancy will be the support of a new funding system and regulatory framework under which institutions are free to make decisions, but resource allocation is tied to performance as defined by the government's policy priorities. *The project is no longer in the current lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 65527. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Secretariat of Higher Education, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco L, 8o Andar, Gabinete CEP 70047-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 410-9670, Fax: (55-61) 410-9233, Contact: Tarso Genro, Ministro de Estado, Ministério da Educação

**(R) Human Development Technical Assistance:** The objective of the project is to assist the government in developing institutional capacity to monitor the progress and impact of its social policies, a critical step towards institutionalizing performance-based management. This requires improving accountability and governance systems in the social sectors by creating a feedback mechanism under which monitoring, evaluation and research programs are used to formulate policies. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for *mid-August 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82523. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants are being used for preparation. Ministry of Education, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco L, 8o Andar, Gabinete, CEP 70047-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 410-8762, Fax: (55-61) 410-9168, Contact: Rinaldo Macin, Project Coordinator; Ministry of Health, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco G, Edifício Sede, Sala 317, CEP 70058-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 315-2359, Fax: (55-61) 226-0286, Contact: André Guerreiro, Assessor, Diretoria de Investimentos e Projetos Estratégicos

**Pernambuco Integrated Development: Education Quality Improvement:** The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the quality, efficiency and inclusiveness of the public education system; (b) modernize and strengthen the managerial, financial and administrative capacity of the Secretariat of Education to set policies and guidelines for the sector and deliver public education efficiently; and (c) support the overall state modernization effort. Negotiations are not yet scheduled, pending government clearance. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 69934. US\$ 31.5 (IBRD). Consultants may be required for project implementation. 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

**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 are not yet scheduled, pending government clearance. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 6525. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants no longer required for project preparation. 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

### Energy and Mining

**(R) Energy Sector Technical Assistance (Ln. 4780-BR):** The objective of the project is to help ensure sustainable implementation of the government's ongoing energy sector reform program, through technical assistance in specific areas and by providing a mechanism for continuing dialogue with policymakers about longer-term sector reform. This operation focuses on the power sector, where there are more urgent reform needs and the greater consensus on the reform agenda; the hydrocarbons sector is covered directly only with respect to provision of natural gas for electricity generation, although certain other components, such as institutional strengthening, would affect it as well. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for *late July 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76977. US\$ 12.1 (IBRD). A project implementation unit is being established. Technical consultants are providing support to the Ministry of Mines and Energy in the power sector reform. Secretariat of Energy, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco U, 8o Andar, Sala 806, CEP 70065-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 319-5099, Contact: Carlos Augusto Hoffmann, Advisor to the Executive Secretary

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(N) Brasília Environmentally Sustainable:** The preliminary objective of the project is to ensure quality water resources to meet the growing needs of the Federal District and the Brasília Metropolitan Region through environmental planning and management activities implemented at the regional level, integrated with poverty reduction interventions and environmental rehabilitation in the most critical watersheds. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 57.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for project preparation. Government of the Federal District, Agência de Infra-estrutura e Desenvolvimento Urbano do Distrito Federal, Anexo do Palácio do Buriti, 12o Andar, CEP 70075-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 325-3500, Contact: David Jose de Matos, Project Coordinator

**(N) Rio Grande do Norte Integrated Water Resources Management:** The project will develop the institutional and operational framework and the necessary infrastructure to optimize the integrated management and sustainable use of water resources in the State of Rio Grande do Norte, including the improved operation and maintenance, rehabilitation and expansion of water-related infrastructure, and enhance its links to other state policies regarding the strengthening of poverty reduction and economic growth in those areas. The ultimate goal of the project would be to reduce the vulnerability of the rural poor to cyclical droughts. Identification mission was tentatively scheduled for August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Estado de Recursos Hídricos (SERHID-RN), Rua D. Maria Câmara, 1884, Capim Macio, CEP 59082-430 Natal, RN, Brasil, Tel: (55-84) 232-2410, Fax: (55-84) 232-2411, Contact: Josema de Azevedo, Secretary of State

**(R) First Programmatic Reform for Environmental Sustainability:** The objective of the project is balancing socioeconomic development with the maintenance and improvement of environmental quality. This first loan out of a series of three will focus primarily on deepening the national debate, maintaining the implementation of reforms initiated in previous administrations and launching new packages of legislative and institutional reforms. Negotiations *completed*. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for *late August 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 80829. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will not be required. Ministry of Environment,

Executive Secretariat, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco B, 6o Andar, Sala 600, 70068-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 317-1205, Fax: (55-61) 225-8969, Contact: Fabricio Barreto, Coordinator; Ministry of Finance, Secretariat of International Affairs, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco P, 2o Andar, Sala 225, 70048-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 412-2227, Fax: (55-61) 412-1722, Contact: Educardo Coutinho, Coordinator

**(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. *The project is no longer in the current lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued, until active processing resumes.* 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 C, 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

**Amazon Basin and Aquatic:** The objectives of the project are to: (a) support the conservation of freshwater biodiversity of global importance in the Amazon River Basin, through formulation of a strategy for the sustainable integrated management of water resources and freshwater biodiversity in two to three sub-basins of the Amazon River Basin; and (b) generate and disseminate lessons that could be adapted towards the conservation of freshwater biodiversity in other parts of the basin. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66535. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Ministério do Meio Ambiente, Diretoria do Programa Nacional de Conservação da Diversidade Biológica, Bloco H, 70818-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 325-7966, Fax: (55-61) 325-7967, E-mail: joao-paulo.viana@mma.gov.br, Contact: João Paulo Viana, Project Coordinator

**Rio de Janeiro Sustainable Integrated Ecosystem Management in Productive Landscapes:** The project will promote an integrated ecosystem approach to guide the development and implementation of sustainable land management practices while providing environmentally and socially sustainable economic opportunities for rural communities in the North and Northeast Fluminense administrative regions of the Rio de Janeiro state. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75379. US\$ 6.7 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Estado de Agricultura, Abastecimento, Pesca e Desenvolvimento Interior, Projecto de Microbasias Hidrográficas do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Alameda Sao Boaventura, No. 770, 24120-191, Fonseca - Niteroi, RJ, Brasil, Tel/Fax: (55-21) 265-8184, Contact: Nelson Teixeira, Project Unit Coordinator

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(N) Amazonas Regional Development:** The overall objective is to reduce the poverty rates in the priority regions of the state of Amazonas by improving economic conditions and quality of life while protecting the environment. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretariat of Planning, Av. André Araújo, 1500-Aleixo, CEP 69060-000 Manaus, AM, Brazil, Tel: (55-92) 2126-1227, Fax: (55-92) 642-8677, E-mail: omonteiro@seplan.am.gov.br, Contact: Ozires Monteiro Rodriguez, Secretary of Planning

**(R) Disease Surveillance and Control II — VIGISUS II (Ln. 7227-BR):** The objective of the project is to reduce mortality and morbidity and decrease exposure to risk factors associated with ill health by strengthening the national public health surveillance and disease control system and supporting disease prevention and control among indigenous populations. It will build upon the accomplishments of the first phase while supporting the decentralization of health surveillance activities and institutional reforms related to the indigenous health system. *Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for 16 August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83013. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants were required for project preparation. Ministry of Health,

Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco G, CEP 70058-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 315-3777, Fax: (55-61) 321-9253, E-mail: jarbas.barbosa@saude.gov.br, Contact: Jarbas Barbosa da Silva Jr., Secretary, Health Surveillance Secretariat; FUNASA, Fundação Nacional de Saúde, SAS Quadra 4, Bloco N, CEP 70070-040 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 314-6356, Fax: (55-61) 226-7149, E-mail: ricardo.chagas@funasa.gov.br, Contact: Ricardo Chagas, Director, Department of Indigenous Health

### Private Sector Development

**(R) First Programmatic Sustainable and Equitable Growth (Ln. 7218-BR):** The objective of the project is to improve the country's competitiveness by supporting the definition and implementation of a competitiveness agenda that includes (a) reducing logistics costs, (b) accelerating technological progress, (c) improving the business environment, (d) enhancing the efficiency of the financial sector, and (e) creating long-term markets for risk. *The loan was signed on 21 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 80827. US\$ 505.1 (IBRD). Consulting services will not be required. Ministry of Finance, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco P, CEP 70048-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 412-2321, Fax: (55-61) 225-0443, Contact: Mr. Marcos de Barros Lisboa, Secretary of Economic Policy

**(R) Sustainable and Equitable Growth Technical Assistance (Ln. 7253-BR):** The project will strengthen the government's institutional capacity to implement the Growth Reform Program. In addition, project studies will help fine-tune the measures to be supported under second and third programmatic loans being considered. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83533. US\$ 12.1 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco P, CEP 70048-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 412-2321, Fax: (55-61) 225-0443, Contact: Mr. Marcos de Barros Lisboa, Secretary of Economic Policy

### Public Sector Governance

**Ceará Multi-Sector Development APL:** The objective of the project is to support critical programs in key sectors during a period when the state's finances require significant resource infusions to keep from shutting down investment and seriously curtailing public programs across the board. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82142. US\$ 149.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for studies and systems work. Instituto de Pesquisa e Estratégia Econômica do Ceará, Ceará State Government, Centro Administrativo, SEPLAN, CEP 839-900, Fortaleza, CE, Brazil, Tel: (55-85) 488-7564, Fax: (55-85) 488-7564, Contact: Dr. Marcos Holanda, Director General

**Minas Gerais Partnership for Development:** The objective of the project is to (a) help achieve fiscal balance, (b) facilitate public sector reform; and (c) promote private sector development, with particular emphasis on public-private participation in key infrastructure projects and the Estrada Real initiative. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 170.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Planning Secretariat, Finance Secretariat, and Economic Development Secretariat (jointly), Minas Gerais, Brazil, Tel: (55-31) 3275-1722, Fax: (55-31) 3292-1009, E-mail: athayde.sede@mg.gov.br, Contact: Luiz Antonio Athayde, Subsecretary of International Affairs, Economic Development Secretariat

### Rural Development

**(R) Maranhão Integrated Program: Rural Poverty Reduction (Ln. 4735-BR):** The project will help the state of Maranhão reduce high levels of rural poverty by: (a) improving well-being and incomes of the rural poor through better access to basic social and economic infrastructure and services and support for productive activities, using proven community-driven development techniques; (b) increasing the social capital of rural communities to organize collectively to meet their own needs; (c) enhancing local governance by greater citizen participation and transparency in decision making, through the creation and strengthening of community associations and municipal councils; and (d) fostering closer integration of local development policies, programs and projects by assisting municipal councils to extend their role in seeking funding, priority setting and decision making over resource allocation and by assisting the government to measure the ef-

iciency and impact of its programs to reduce rural poverty. *Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for late July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 80830. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the state project implementation unit. GEPLAN/NEPE, Rua do Giz, 249 – Centro, CEP 65010-680 - São Luis, MA, Brazil, Tel: (55-98) 232-3699, Fax: (55-98) 232-1567, Contact: Dr. Antonio Gualhardo Alvarez Prazeres, Director

**Rural Poverty Reduction-Alagoas:** The project would help the state government of Alagoas to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences by: (a) providing basic social and economic infrastructure, and employment and income-generating opportunities for the rural poor; (b) decentralizing resource allocation and decision-making to local levels by supporting community-based municipal councils and beneficiary associations in investment planning and implementation; (c) leveraging resources mobilized at the community and municipal levels; and (d) deepening the creation of social capital. Negotiations are not yet scheduled, pending government clearance. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74083. US\$ 12.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the State Project Implementation Unit. State Secretariat of Agriculture, Supply and Fisheries, Rua Cincinato Pinto, 348, 20 Andar Centro, CEP 57020-050 Maceió, AL, Brazil, Tel: (55-82) 315-1377, Fax: (55-82) 315-1373, Contact: Dr. José Klingler, Director Presidente

**Rural Poverty Reduction-Minas Gerais:** The project will help the state government of Minas Gerais to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences by: (a) providing basic social and economic infrastructure, and employment and income-generating opportunities for the rural poor; (b) decentralizing resource allocation and decision-making to local levels by supporting community-based municipal councils and beneficiary associations in investment planning and implementation; (c) leveraging resources mobilized at the community and municipal levels; and (d) deepening the creation of social capital. Negotiations are not yet scheduled, pending government clearance. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 52256. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the State Project Implementation Unit. State Secretariat of Planning and Coordination, R. Bernardo Guimarães, 2731, 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

**Rural Poverty Reduction - Tocantins:** The project will help the state government of Tocantins to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences by: (a) providing basic social and economic infrastructure, employment and income-generating opportunities for the rural poor; (b) decentralizing resource allocation and decision-making to local levels by supporting community-based municipal councils and beneficiary associations in investment planning and implementation; and (c) leveraging resources mobilized at the community and municipal levels. Negotiations are not yet scheduled. 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

**Tocantins Sustainable Regional Development (Ln. 7208-BR):** 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. *Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 60573. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. 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

### Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**First Employment:** The project will promote youth occupational preparedness for income generation, by participating in the pool of funds that finance the First Employment Program. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86639. US\$ 170.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be contracted for technical assistance and studies. Ministry of Labor and Employment, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco F, 5o Andar, CEP 70059-908, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 225-0041, Contact: Remigio Todeschini, Secretary of Public Policy for Labor

### Social Protection

**(R) Bolsa Família (Ln. 7234-BR):** *The objectives of the program are to reduce poverty and inequality and promote human capital investments among poor families through the provision of direct monetary transfers to poor families and incentives for investing in human capital. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for September 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87713. US\$ 572.2 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministry of the Presidency (Casa Civil), Palacio do Planalto, Anexo 1, Sala C2, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 411-2504, Fax: (55-61) 411-3333, E-mail: ana.fonseca@planalto.gov.br, Contact: Ana Fonseca, Executive Secretary

### Transportation

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

### Urban Development

**(R) Sustainable Communities - Amapá:** The objective of the project is to alleviate rural and urban poverty while protecting the environment through urban community development, strengthening of micro-credit and other state institutions, rural productive and community sub-projects, and capacity building. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for *late August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76924. US\$ 4.9 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Agência de Desenvolvimento do Amapá (Amapa Development Agency), Rua Cândido Mendes 111, CEP 68900-050 Macapá, AP, Brazil, Tel: (55-96) 212-1195, Fax: (55-96) 212-1196, E-mail: adapdpj@hotmail.com, Contact: Edmar Ney Lourinho Magno, President

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

**Municipal Lending Program I - Recife:** The objective of the project, one of four city loans in the first phase of a horizontal APL, is to develop and revitalize the Capibaribe River Basin, one of Recife's most important natural resources, and an important mixed-income community. The work will include resettlement, urban development, water supply and sanitation, environmental management, job creation, governance, fiscal management and social targeting. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 32.8 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Recife, Av. Oliveira Lima, 867 - Boa Vista 50050-390, Recife, PE, Brazil, Tel: (55-81) 8856-6327, E-mail: cesardebarros@recife.pe.gov.br, Contact: Cesar de Barros, Director

**Municipal Lending Program I - Teresina:** The objective of the project, one of four city loans in the first phase of a horizontal APL, is to build on Teresina's award-winning Villa Bairro program, supporting slum upgrading, urban development, water supply and sanitation, social inclusion, economic development and environmental management interventions in the Lagoas do Norte area of the city. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 28.3 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Teresina, Praça Marechal Deodoro, 860, Palácio da Cidade, 4o Andar, Centro, Teresina, PI, Brazil, Tel: (55-36) 215-7520, E-mail: rosanaabreu@email.com, Contact: Rosana Abreu, Project Coordinator

**Municipal Lending Program I - Belo Horizonte:** The objective of the project, one of four city loans in the first phase of a horizontal APL, is to lay the foundation in Belo Horizonte for a large-scale, city-wide program of slum urbanization, linking with the municipality's efforts at social inclusion and water pollution control. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 31.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Belo Horizonte, Av. do Contorno, 5454, Funcionários, Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-31) 3277-8059, E-mail: mcaldas@pbh.gov.br, Contact: Maria Caldas, Project coordinator

**Municipal Lending Program I - Uberaba:** The objective of the project, one of four city loans in the first phase of a horizontal APL, is to improve water resources management, water supply and sanitation, wastewater collection and treatment, macro-drainage, and environmental protection of the Uberaba river basin Environmental Protection Area. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 17.7 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Uberaba, Av. Guilherme Ferreira, 1539, Cidade Jardim, CEP 38022-200 Uberaba, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-34) 3312-7744, E-mail: prefeito@uberaba.mg.gov.br, Contact: Marcos Montes Cordeiro, Mayor

**Social Housing:** The objective of the project is to improve poor low-income households' access to shelter and home ownership. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87585. US\$ 156.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco P, CEP 70048-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 412-2321, Fax: (55-61) 225-0443

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) BNDES Water Sector Modernization:** The project will support private water and sanitation investments in poor states and municipalities located in the North, Northeast and Center-West regions. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 78312. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for implementation. 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: tmoreira@bndes.gov.br, Contact: Marcio Henrique de Castro, Director of Infrastructure

**(R) CAIXA Water Sector Modernization (Ln. 4292-1-BR):** The project will support water and sanitation investments in poor states and municipalities in the North, Northeast and Center-West regions. *The deadline for signing, which is 18 months after approval, has lapsed. The loan was therefore withdrawn on 29 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 78310. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for project implementation. SUSIN - Superintendência de Saneamento e Infra-Estrutura, Caixa Econômica Federal, SBS, Quadra 4, Lotes 3 e 4 Matriz, 2o Andar, CEP 70092-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 414-9818/9028, Fax: (55-61) 414-9646, E-mail: rogerio.tavares@caixa.gov.br, Contact: Rogério Tavares, Superintendente Nacional

**(R) Espírito Santo Water and Coastal Pollution Management (Additional Loan) (Ln. 7248-BR):** The objective is to allow the state government to: (a) connect additional users to trunk sewerage infrastructure constructed with the previous loan; (b) improve the water quality, service continuity and service pressure of water supply systems, particularly in the poorer neighborhoods of Grande Vitória and Guarapari; and (c) reach the institutional development objectives defined at appraisal for the state environment agency SEAMA and the state water company (CESAN). *Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87711. US\$ 36.0 (IBRD). Expressions of interest are being published for consultants

for project implementation. State Government of Espírito Santo - Secretaria de Estado de Planejamento, Orçamento e Gestão, Av. Gov. Bley, No 236, Ed. Fabio Ruschi, CEP 29010-150, Vitória, ES, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3381-3248, Fax: (55-27) 3381-3250, E-mail: guilherme.dias@se-plog.es.gov.br, Contact: Guilherme Gomes Dias, Secretário

**(R) Integrated Municipal - Betim (Ln. 7246-BR):** The project will help the municipality of Betim to improve quality of life and support economic growth through strengthening of municipal development policies, financial and managerial capacity, rehabilitation and protection of the Betim river basin, and the expansion and improvement of basic services. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82328. US\$ 24.1 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired for project preparation. Municipality of Betim, Municipal Secretariat, Rua Professor Osvaldo Franco, 55, 4o Andar, Centro, CEP 23510-50, Betim, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-31) 3539-2430, Fax: (55-31) 3539-2426, E-mail: gabpref@betim.mg.gov.br, Contact: Ciro Pedrosa, Project Coordinator

**Integrated Water Management and Basic Services:** The project will identify the main sources of water pollution for the key raw water bodies in metropolitan São Paulo, and undertake interventions to reverse the pollution and improve the quality of life locally, through multi-sectoral and multi-institutional responses. Examples of such interventions are wastewater collection and treatment, drainage, solid waste management, slum upgrading, protection of natural habitats and work on ecological parks. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 6553. US\$ 147.5 (IBRD). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.9 is being used for preparation. Consultants will be required for slum upgrading and urban environmental interventions, civil works and technical assistance in urban water resources management. State Secretariat for Energy, Water Resources, and Water Supply and Sanitation, São Paulo, SP, Brazil, Tel: (55-11) 3257-3348, Contact: Dirceu Riji Yamazaki, PMU Coordinator

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

## Chile

### Transportation

**Santiago Urban Transport:** The project aims at assisting the implementation of proposed reforms in the urban bus sector, using quick disbursing instruments to allow the reforms to be pursued at the pace desired despite some short term budgetary difficulties, but also permitting the government to defer draw down if necessary to accommodate improvements or fluctuations of the fiscal position. Board presentation has been postponed. Project will be re-appraised. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82412. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will not be required. Coordinación General de Transporte de Santiago, Calle Nueva York 9, 10mo Piso, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (56-2) 428-7900, Contact: Aldo Signorelli Bonomo, Coordinador General

**Santiago Urban Transport Technical Assistance:** The project aims at supporting the design of the bus reform arrangements, facilitating compliance with the matrix triggers associated with the sectoral adjustment loan and to facilitate the implementation of the urban transport plan for Santiago, as well as to analyze and mitigate its various potential adverse impacts and risks. Board presentation has been postponed. Project will be re-appraised. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85589. US\$ 6.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Coordinación General de Transporte de Santiago, Calle Nueva York 9, 10mo Piso, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (56-2) 428-7900, Contact: Aldo Signorelli Bonomo, Coordinador General

### Water and Sanitation

**Infrastructure for Territorial Development:** The objective of the project is to improve the access, quality and use of infrastructure services by poor rural communities to achieve sustainable territorial development. The infrastructure services include water supply, sanitation, transport, ICT and electricity. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76807. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Subsecretaria de Desarrollo Regional, Division de Desarrollo Regional, Zenteno 234, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (56-2) 636-3600, Fax: (56-2) 673-0310, E-mail: julio.ruiz@subdere.gov.cl, Contact: Julio Ruiz, Director

## Colombia

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(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 have not been scheduled.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57093. US\$ 9.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Fundación Pro-Sierra Nevada de Sta Marta, Calle 74, No 2-86, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 310-0571, Contact: Gonzalo Uribe, Executive Director

### Finance

**Second Programmatic Financial Sector:** The project will upgrade the regulatory framework in the securities, insurance and pension markets as well as in the banking sector and mortgage finance, and strengthen the supervisory and market institutions to achieve financial system stability and long-term viability in promoting economic growth through investment funding. The project will implement the new banking law, including upgraded mechanisms for resolution of troubled banks, as well as reform the legal framework for the operation of the capital markets and money markets, while upgrading solvency norms for the insurance industry, investment norms for the private pension industry, and developing the micro-credit and securitization markets in the mortgage sub-sector. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for 2 August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for implementation. Ministry of Finance, Securities Superintendency, Banking Superintendency, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 350-6508, Contact: Ms. Maria Ines Agudelo, Technical Vice Minister

### Public Sector Governance

**Peace and Development (Ln. 7232-CO):** The objective of the project is to reduce violence and poverty among vulnerable populations, including the internally displaced, and to recover state presence in those regions. The project will draw upon lessons learned from the successful implementation of the two Magdalena Medio Regional Development LILs and expand them to other conflict-affected regions. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 51306. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired. Red de Solidaridad Social, Calle 7 No. 6-54, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 596-0863/0800, Fax: (57-1) 336-4618, E-mail: lhoyos@red.gov.co or lhoyos@presidencia.gov.co, Contact: Luis Alfonso Hoyos Aristizabal, Director General

**Programmatic Fiscal and Institutional Adjustment III:** The objectives of the series of loans of which this is part are to: (a) reduce fiscal rigidities in ways that make it more feasible to attain the substantial fiscal adjustment underlying sustainable macroeconomic stability; and (b) improve the provision of public sector services and establish the institutional basis for higher efficiency and accountability in public expenditure. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Carrera 8 #6 - 64, Bogotá, DC, Colombia, Tel: (5-71) 297-1310, Fax: (5-71) 286-1400, Contact: Maria Ines Agudelo, Vice Minister

### Rural Development

**Rural Diversification:** The adaptable program loan (APL) will support the transition over the next decade of the rural sector from one of low productivity with agriculture relatively well-protected and "large farm bias" policies prevailing, to one that is more open and com-

petitive. This operation, the first phase, will focus on market and institutional development, as well as enhancing the knowledge and innovation system for improved competitiveness and improving access to factors of production such as land and finance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82167. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ave. Jimenez No. 7-65, 3er, 4to y 5to Pisos, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 341-9042, Fax: (57-1) 283-3982, E-mail: minagric@minagricultura.gov.co, Contact: Carlos Gustavo Cano, Minister

### Transportation

**(R) Integrated Mass Transit Systems (Ln. 7231-CO):** The objective of the project is to improve long term sustainability, efficiency and quality of urban transport in selected cities by implementation of the National Urban Transport program. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82466. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministry of Transport, National Planning Department & Ministry of Finance, Av. El Dorado CAN, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 324-0800, Contact: Dr. Juan Ricardo Noero, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transport

### Urban Development

**(R) Disaster Vulnerability Reduction:** The project aims at reducing vulnerability to natural disasters, measured in terms of fiscal exposure of the state. *Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for October 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82429. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. National Planning Department, Dirección de Política Ambiental, Calle 26 #No 13-19, 10mo Piso, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 596-0331, Fax: (57-1) 599-9531, E-mail: acampos@dnpp.gov.co, Contact: Julio Miguel Silva, Directora de Desarrollo Urbano y Política Ambiental

### Water and Sanitation

**(R) Water and Sanitation Sector Support:** The project aims at improving water and sanitation services efficiently and sustainably through capital investment subsidies for poverty-focused coverage expansion and service quality improvement. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82973. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during implementation. Ministry of Environment, Territorial Development, and Housing, Calle 37, #No. 840, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 332-3434, Fax: (571) 340-5524, Contact: Gloria Ines Acevedo, Director, DAPSBA (Dirección de Agua Potable y Saneamiento Básico)

## Costa Rica

### Education

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

### Transportation

**Port City of Limon Integrated Infrastructure:** The objective of the project is to collaborate in the transformation of the port city of Limon into a regional center of economic growth, thus helping to improve the country's overall competitiveness and to alleviate the city's poverty rate and social inequalities. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 85539. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consultants may be required for project preparation. Ministry

of Public Works and Transport, Costado Oeste de Plaza Gonzalez Dique, San José, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 257-7789/258-9489 Ext. 2616, 2808, Fax: (506) 255-1487, Contact: Lorena Lopez, Viceministra de Transporte

### Water and Sanitation

**Water and Sanitation Sector Modernization:** The objectives of the project are to modernize the water and sanitation sector nationwide and complete the construction of the sewage collection, conveyance and treatment system in metropolitan San José. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for 14 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82974. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Instituto Costarricense de Acueductos y Alcantarillados, Edificio Sede de AyA Pavas, Modulo A, 1er Piso, San José, Costa Rica, Tel/Fax: (506) 242-5042, E-mail: lpicado@aya.go.cr, Contact: Ing. Luis Paulino Picado Blanco, Director de Financiamiento Externo

## Dominican Republic

### Energy and Mining

**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. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82712. US\$ 90.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Comisión Nacional de Energía, Gustavo Mejía Ricart Esq. Agustín Lara, Edif. de la CREP, 3er Piso, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana, Tel: (809) 547-3044, Fax: (809) 547-2073, E-mail: orppgr@codetel.net.do, Contact: Ing. George Reinoso, Executive Director

## Ecuador

### Private Sector Development

**(R) Competitiveness:** The project will (a) facilitate trade, (b) increase labor and capital mobility to facilitate productive adjustment and (c) improve the investment climate. The main motivation is to help the economy adjust to the FTA with the US under important market imperfection, including a fixed exchange-rate regime. The broad objective is to improve the country's competitiveness and productivity-based growth to reduce poverty. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83872. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Competitiveness, Industry, International Trade and Fishery, Avenidas. Eloy Alfaro y Amazonas MAG-MICIP, 1er Piso, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 505-072, Fax: (593-22) 507-549, Contact: Ivonne Baki, Minister

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Institutional Reform (Ln. 7237-EC):** The project will focus on enhancing efficiency and transparency in the public sector. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85302. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of custom and civil services reform and procurement. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ave. Amazonas 4330, Villa Lengua, Edif. Banco Amazonas Piso 3, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 226-9549, E-mail: dmancheno@mef.gov.ec, Contact: Diego Mancheno, Subsecretario de Política Económica

**(R) Programmatic II Fiscal Adjustment:** The operation will continue to provide Bank support for reforms initiated by the First Fiscal Consolidation and Competitive Growth Loan. The objectives of this loan are to (a) improve tax policy and administration; (b) reverse expansionary spending and improve budget transparency; (c) regain control of the public payroll; (d) improve public debt management; (e) support trade reform; (f) promote competitive pricing and regulatory policies; and (g) increase labor flexibility. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for late September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83856. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ave. Amazonas 4330, Villa Lengua, Edif. Banco Amazonas, 3er Piso, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 226-9549, Contact: Diego Mancheno, Subsecretario de Política Económica

## Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

**Second Indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian Peoples Development (Ln. 7235-EC):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77257. US\$ 34.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Consejo de Desarrollo de las Nacionalidades y Pueblos del Ecuador (CODENPE), Bosmediano El 150 y Carlos Guerrero, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 464-900, Fax: (593-22) 922-453, E-mail: proyecto@prodepine.org, Contact: Marcelino Chumpi, Executive Secretary

### Transportation

**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. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 7077. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). IDB cofinancing of US\$ 30.0 has been approved. Consultants will be required. The project will include US\$ 2.5 million for consulting services. Ministerio de Obras Públicas (MOP)/Unidad de Caminos Vecinales, Juan Leon Mera y Orellana esquina, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 559-120/6268, 556-990, Fax: (593-22) 904-323, E-mail: c\_vecinales@andinanet.net, Contact: Arq. Fabian Lupero, Director Ejecutivo

### Urban Development

**(R) Low-Income Neighborhood Upgrading:** The objective of the project is to improve the quality of life of the urban poor by enhancing their access to (a) affordable land, (b) basic urban services, (c) participation in urban development and (d) local economic opportunities, and by strengthening the territorial planning system. Appraisal mission is scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83010. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been identified and will be hired as soon as Ecuador signs the PHRD grant received for project preparation. Ministerio de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano, Unidad Coordinadora del Proyecto PROMIB, 10 de Agosto 2270 y Cordero, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (532) 250-8710/8716, Contact: Arq. Margarita Romo, Coordinadora Técnica

## Grenada

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Public Sector Modernization:** The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen the efforts to commercialize government services by improving both the incentives and capacity for senior and mid-level government officials, including the technical capacity of the Public Sector Reform Unit; (b) analyze and finance possible restructuring of the public sector, including payment for civil servants to receive training and access to micro-credit to encourage entrepreneurship and private sector development; and (c) institutional strengthening in the area of e-governance, including the increased use of information technology to deregulate the IT sector to improving the inter-connectivity within Government. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Human Resources, Office of the Prime Minister, Botanical Gardens, Tanteen, St. George's, Grenada W.I., Tel: (473) 440-3767, Fax: (473) 440-6609, E-mail: dpms@caribsurf.com, Contact: Mrs. Beryl Isaac, Director

## Guatemala

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**(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 Alti-



plano. *Loan and grant signing is tentatively scheduled for 30 October 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 64883, 68292. US\$ 32.8/8.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services will be required for implementation. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food, 7a Ave. 12-90, Zona 13, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 362-4764, Fax: (502) 332-8302, E-mail: mgadisf@intelnet.net.gt, Contact: Edin Barrientos, Minister

### Social Protection

**(R) Structural Adjustment Loan: (formerly Social Sector - APL)** The objective of the project is to improve and sustain progress in developing and protecting human capital as a key factor to achieve faster economic growth and reduce poverty incidence and inequality. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for 10 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

### Transportation

**(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. *Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for late September 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 55085. US\$ 46.7 (IBRD). Consulting services may be required for implementation. *Instituto de Fomento Municipal and Dirección General de Caminos*, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 472-1414, Fax: (502) 334-6709, Contact: Delfino Mendoza, Manager

## Guyana

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**National Protected Area Systems:** The project will analyze and apply biological, socio-economic and land-use data to provide a sound basis for designing and implementing a national protected areas system (NPAS). Discussions are under way with the government on redesigning 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

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Judicial Branch Modernization:** The objective of the project is to improve Judicial Branch performance, especially with respect to efficiency, transparency, and access. Appraisal is scheduled for *January 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81516. US\$ 16.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Supreme Court, Blvd. Fuerzas Armadas, Contiguo a Oficina de Relaciones Exteriores, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 234-2530, Fax: (504) 233-8089, Contact: Kenneth Rolando Madrid Chinchilla, Director Ejecutivo, Unidad Técnica de Reforma

**(R) Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 3941-HO):** The objectives of the project are to: (a) accelerate pro-poor growth, via support for reforms; (b) increase the impact and efficiency of resources devoted to human development and social protection; and (c) increase the medium- and long-term sustainability of poverty reduction initiatives through policy and institutional reforms. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74758. US\$ 58.8 (IDA). Consultants will not be required. *Ministry of the Presidency, Blvd. Juan Pablo II, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 232-1084, Contact: Rocío Tabora, Viceministra del Despacho Presidencial*

**(R) Poverty Reduction Technical Assistance (Cr. 3939-HO):** The objective of the project is to strengthen the government's fiscal, financial and fiduciary management, support implementation of the Civil Service Act, and develop the government's capacity to monitor, evaluate and improve its poverty reduction strategy. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83851. US\$ 8.0 (IDA). Consultants may be required in the ar-

reas of fiscal, financial and fiduciary management, and civil service reform. Executive Secretariat of the Presidential Commission for State Modernization, Edif. Ejecutivo Las Lomas, 4to Piso, Blvd. Juan Pablo II, Colonia Lomas, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 235-9369/71, Fax: (504) 235-9368, E-mail: rcallejas@presidencia.gov.hn, Contact: Ricardo Callejas, Director

### Rural Development

**(R) Forests and Rural Productivity:** The objective of the project is to increase the contribution of sustainable natural resources management to the incomes and quality of life of the predominately rural poor in selected low-income municipalities with high agro-forestry potential. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64914. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants may be required for project implementation. Secretary of Agriculture and Livestock through the Rural Land Management Project 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

**Land Administration (Cr. 3858-HON):** The project aims at establishing an integrated and decentralized land administration system (using area-based systematic title regularization, surveying and registration) that accurately generates, registers, and links information on private and public land parcels in a timely, cost-effective, and widely accessible manner. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 February 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 55991 US\$ 25.0 (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

### Social Protection

**(R) Nutrition and Social Protection:** The project will strengthen the country's social safety net to improve effectively and efficiently improve the nutritional status of children from infancy to age five and to provide alternative interventions for early childhood development, as well as to provide opportunities for disadvantaged youth to become productive citizens. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for 7 March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 238-0984, E-mail: fanny@cybertel.hn, Contact: Ms. Fanny Mejía, Vice-Secretary of Health

**Nuestras Raíces (Cr. 3892-HO):** The objective of this newest phase of the Nuestras Raíces program is to contribute to an increased participation of indigenous and Afro-Honduran groups in the holistic development processes of their communities and their nation, through the strengthening of local capacity to build sustainable organizations, development projects and cultural identity. Credit signing was tentatively scheduled for early August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83244. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Fondo Hondureño de Inversión Social, Edif. IPM, Colonia Alto de Ticontin (frente a la Iglesia Amor Viviente), Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 234-5231, Fax: (504) 234-5255, E-mail: lyuway@fhis.hn, Contact: Lic. Leoncio Yu Way, Ministro

### Transportation

**(R) Rural Infrastructure:** The project aims at providing poor rural communities with adequate access to improved infrastructure services on a sustainable basis. The project will also support (a) reducing rural poverty, and (b) promoting sustainability. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for *December 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86775. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consultants may be required for implementation. Oficina Presidencial de Seguimiento de Proyectos, Casa Presidencial, Blvd. Juan Pablo II, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 221-4545 Ext. 246, Fax: (504) 290-0685, E-mail: mmi@Presidencia.gob.hn, Contact: Ing. Mauro Membreno Tosta, Coordinador General Cartera de Proyectos

### Urban Development

**(R) National Urban Integrated Development:** The project will (a) increase access to basic and good quality urban services by poor ur-

ban households through targeted investments; (b) strengthen human and social capital in poor neighborhoods through increasing community participation in the planning, delivery and maintenance of works and services, *and incorporating an employment generation approach*; (c) improve the capacity of municipal governments to plan and deliver urban services; and (d) *improve the capacity of the Secretaria de Seguridad, municipal governments, and security programs at the community level for the multisectoral prevention of crime and violence*. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88319. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants may be required for implementation. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

## Mexico

### Education

**(R) Basic Education Development APL (Phase 3) (Ln. 7249-ME):** The APL supports the compensatory education program, as outlined in the National Education Program (PNE) 2001-2006 and the Education Development Program 1995-2000. Phase III will: (a) consolidate and expand quality improvements in initial and basic education; (b) strengthen management of the education system and integrate the operation of the compensatory education program and (c) continue strengthening states' institutional capacity to plan, program and evaluate the delivery of basic education services. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 July 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85851. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required for implementation. CONAFE (Consejo Nacional de Fomento Educativo), Rio Elba No. 20 7mo Piso, Col. Cuauhtemoc, México, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-41) 7443-7444, Fax: (52-41) 5553-3357, E-mail: albertoz@conafe.edu.mx, Contact: Mr. Alberto Navarrete, Director

**(R) Tertiary Education Student Assistance:** The objective of the project is to increase tertiary education enrollment and quality in an equitable, efficient, and sustainable manner. To do this it will: (a) consolidate development of the SOFES student loan scheme and expand its provision of unsubsidized tertiary education student loans, (b) develop a revolving scholarship fund and gifted and talented programs for children of the poor and indigenous families, and (c) support analytical work and dialogue on tertiary education policy and institutional issues. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Secretariat of Education, Brasil 31-312, Centro Historico, 06029 México, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5723-6713, E-mail: iarvizu@sep.gov.mx, Contact: Ignacio Arvizu, Coordinator

**Lifelong Learning and Training:** The objective of the project is to improve the country's productivity by promoting a quantum leap in skill and knowledge building efforts, especially among adults who finished primary school but not early secondary school (9th grade). The project will target those in the 15-34 age group. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86058. US\$ 240.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Consejo Nacional de Educación para la Vida y el Trabajo (CONEVYT)/Instituto Nacional de Educación para los Adultos (INEA), Francisco Marquez, 160, 5to Piso, Colonia Coindesa, México DF 06140 Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5241-2728, Fax: (52-55) 5241-2965, E-mail: rdelapena@inea.gov.mx, Contact: Ing. Ramón de la Peña, Presidente (CONEVYT) and Director General (INEA)

### Energy and Mining

**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) contribute to global technology demonstration and replication of hybrid thermal solar systems that have the potential to displace carbon emissions. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66426. US\$ 51.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Comisión Federal de Electricidad, Melchor Ocampo No 469, 2do Piso, Col. Nueva Azules, 11590 México, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 254-6981/6977, Contacts: Lic. Gerardo Hiraiat, Gerente de Proyectos Geotérmicos

**Large-Scale Renewable Energy:** The objective of the project is to stimulate and accelerate the commercialization of renewable energy

applications and markets, particularly at the grid-connected level, in order to reduce greenhouse gases and other emissions while responding to increasing energy demand and energy diversification imperatives necessary for sustainable economic growth. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 77717. US\$ 25.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required for preparation. Secretaria de Energia, 890 Insurgentes Sur, Col. Del Valle 03100, México, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5448-6000, Fax: (52-55) 5448-6223, E-mail: jmata@energia.gob.mx, Contact: Juan Mata Sandoval, Director General

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**Air Quality Management and Sustainable Transport:** The objective is to contribute to reductions in the pollution and greenhouse gas load into the air shed of the Mexico City area generated by the transport sector while improving the safety and efficiency of urban transport management. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 43165. US\$ 288.6 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Comunicaciones, Medio ambiente, Paseo Vicente Guerrero No 486, Col. Morelos, Toluca, 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

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**ISSSTE Programmatic Sector Adjustment:** The objectives of the project are to (a) improve the fiscal efficiency of social security benefits, especially pensions and health services, for public employees; and (b) enhance the governance of public social security through corporate restructuring of ISSSTE (Public Sector Social Security) and the establishment of a 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, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 566-6888, Contact: Lic. Benjamín González Roaro, Director General

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

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) State Judicial Modernization (Ln. 7250-ME):** The project will aim at improving the institutional performance of the state courts by learning while doing. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 July 2004. Signing is scheduled for 1 October 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74755. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of training, technical assistance and knowledge sharing. BANOBRAS, Jaime Barros Sierra No. 515, Col. La Fe, Lomas de Santa Fe, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5270-1552/1565/1617, Contact: Raul Escalante, Gerente de Productos

### Rural Development

**(R) Savings and Rural Finance (Ln. 7240-ME):** The project will deepen access to financial services, contributing to the integration of underserved marginal rural and urban households and enterprises into the national economy, and realizing their income generating potential. The project will build on the on-going project to further strengthen the savings and credit societies and cooperatives sector with a technology platform. *Negotiations completed. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 June 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87152. US\$ 75.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Banco del

Ahorro Nacional y Servicios Financieros S.N.C. (BANSEFI), Eje 10 Sur, Rio Magdalena 115, Colonia Tizapan San Angel Mexico, CP 01090 Delegacion Alvaro Obregon, México, DF, Mexico, Tel/Fax: (52-55) 54-81-33, Contact: Luis de la Vega Madrigal, Director General Adjunto de Tecnología de la Información

### Urban Development

**(R) Housing and Urban Technical Assistance:** The objective of the project is to support the policy reforms of the Housing and Urban Adjustment Loan. Negotiations were scheduled for *late July 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88080. US\$ 28.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Secretaria 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

**Affordable Housing and Urban Poverty Program (Ln. 7229-ME):** At the request of the federal government, this project has been expanded to a programmatic adjustment loan covering reforms in the housing and urban sectors with the aim of increasing access of the poor to shelter. The program includes housing and urban policy, neighborhood upgrading, land markets, housing finance and subsidies, and disaster mitigation. Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70371. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Secretaria 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

**Decentralized Infrastructure Development Program (Ln. 7320-ME):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 80149. US\$ 108.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. BANOBRAS, Javier Barros Sierra No. 515, Col. Lomas de Sta. Fe, 01219 México, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5270-1200, Contact: Lic. Veronica Baranda, Officer of the Subdirection of Project Evaluation

## Nicaragua

### Education

**Education:** The project aims at bringing together donors and lenders to help the government implement its National Education Policy, including the Education For All (EFA) goals. The objectives are to (a) increase completion rates at all levels of basic education; (b) improve quality and relevance of learning; (c) improve systems of governance and accountability, including measures to strengthen community participation in the education sector; and (d) harmonize donor assistance in the sector. Board presentation is scheduled for 2 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78990. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants may be required for implementation. Ministry of Education, Centro "Cívico Módulo J", Planta Alta, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 265-0297, Fax: (505) 265-3547, E-mail: portae@meed.gob.ni, Contact: Sr. Emilio Porta

### Finance

**Broad-Based Access to Financial Services (Cr. 3903-NI):** 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 18 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77826. US\$ 7.0 (IDA). Consultants may be required for project implementation. SECEP, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 265-0500, Fax: (505) 265-0561, Contact: Mr. Horacio Rose, Strategic Planning Secretariat, Office of the Presidency

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(N) Health Services Extension and Modernization SWAP (2nd APL):** The Health Sector Modernization Program (HSMP), of which this project is the second phase, seeks to improve the efficiency, ef-

fectiveness and equity of the health system by: (i) strengthening first level care and nutrition; (ii) modernizing the hospital network; (iii) developing the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Health; and (iv) supporting social security reform. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.0 (IDA). Consultants may be required. Implementing agency (ies) to be determined.

## Panama

### Rural Development

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

## Paraguay

### Finance

**(R) 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. *Negotiations completed.* Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for 24 August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 39994. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants financed from a PHRD grant are being used for project preparation. Ministry of Finance, Vice Minister's Office, Edificio Ybaga, Piso 12, Av. Presidente Franco con Nuestra Sra. de la Asunción, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 490-391, Fax: (595-21) 441-474, Contact: Lic. José Buttner, Vice Ministro de Hacienda

**(R) Financial Sector Technical Assistance:** This project aims at strengthening capacity to manage weaknesses and stresses in the financial system and to prevent crisis contagion effects, by overhauling the framework for prudential supervision and bank resolution as well as by strengthening Paraguay's financial infrastructure. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 24 August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80961. US\$ 6.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Edificio Ybaga, Piso 12, Av. Presidente Franco con Nuestra Sra. de la Asunción, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 490-391, Fax: (595-21) 441-474, Contact: Lic. Jose Buttner, Vice Ministro

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**Second Health:** The project aims at increasing the access and utilization of basic health services and public health interventions by the poor. The project will: (a) increase the Ministry of Health's capacity to oversee and monitor system performance and manage essential public health functions, including its stewardship; (b) subsidize a basic package of health care services for mothers and children, and selected public health interventions/programs; and (c) introduce social monitoring mechanisms at several levels to increase the accountability of health service delivery to the population and improve the health care-seeking behavior of the poor. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 9.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Pettrossi y Brasil, Asuncion, Paraguay,

Tel: (595-21) 206-885, E-mail: munifm@telesurf.com.py, Contact: Dr. Julio Cesar Velazquez, Minister

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Strengthening Ministry of Finance Technical Assistance:** The project will support the design and implementation of the Ministry of Finance's reorganization, business reengineering, access of information and delivery of services. It will also provide assistance to strengthen the budget, human resources, procurement, control, anti-corruption and planning functions and expand them within the rest of the central government and regions to ensure that these public institutions are capable of responding to the Ministry's improve rules and practices. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for *early August 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87036. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of organizational, budget and human resources reform and information technology. Ministry of Finance, Chile 252, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 451-186, Contact: Mr. Fernando Masi, Adviser to the Minister

## Peru

### Private Sector Development

**Programmatic Reform Growth II:** The program will support decentralization of functions and resource transfer for the newly created regional government with the objective of improving competitiveness in a decentralized environment. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 170.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Vice Ministry of Economics and Finance, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 428-1880, Fax: (511) 426-5313, Contact: Sr. Fernando Zavala, Vice Minister

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Institutional Capacity for Sustainable Fiscal Decentralization Technical Assistance:** The project aims at providing technical assistance to strengthen fiscal and institutional reforms for decentralization supported by the Decentralization and Competitiveness project. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for *15 July 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88809. US\$ 8.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Junin 319, Lima Peru, Tel: (511) 427-7069, Fax: (511) 428-1623, Contact: Maria del Carmen Rivera, Chief, Coordinating Unit for Sectoral Loans

**(R) Justice Services Improvement (Ln. 7219-PE):** This technical assistance project will set the basis for an effective and sustainable justice sector reform process through a series of activities aimed at strengthening sector institutions and enhancing access to justice for the poor. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for *19 July 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 73438. US\$ 12.0 (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

### Rural Development

**Agricultural Research and Extension APL Phase II:** The project will build on lessons learned in Phase I. It will expand and strengthen the demand-driven rural agricultural innovation system in a pluralistic and decentralized manner led by the private sector, expanding its scope to all regions, targeting disadvantaged groups, including indigenous people and women. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82588. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture/Oficina de Innovación y Competitividad del Agro Peruano, Ave. Pablo Carriquiry 660 San Isidro, Lima 27 Perú, Tel: (51-1) 221-2614, Fax: (51-1) 221-1725, E-mail: incagro@incagro.gob.pe, Contact: Victor Palma, Executive Director

### Social Protection

**(R) Accountability for Decentralization in the Social Sectors:** The objective of the project is to strengthen results-oriented and participatory planning, monitoring and evaluation, with emphasis on decentralized social programs of the Ministry of Women and Development Affairs. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for *15 July*

*2004*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78953. US\$ 6.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Unidad de Coordinación de Préstamos Sectoriales, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Junin 319, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 427-7069, Fax: (511) 428-1623, Contact: Maria del Carmen Rivera, Chief, Coordinating Unit for Sectoral Loans

### Transportation

**(R) Lima Transport (Ln. 7209-PE):** 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. *The loan was signed on 2 June 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 35740. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consultants may be required for implementation. Municipality of Metropolitan Lima, PROTANSFORTE LIMA, Ave. Aramburu No. 166 - 5, Miraflores, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 421-7473, Fax: (511) 421-8512, Contact: Julio Pflucker, Executive Director

**(R) Regional Transport Decentralization:** The project aims at supporting the decentralization process at the regional level, through the design and implementation of a decentralized framework for regional transport interventions. Ultimately, the project is expected to improve the prioritization, efficiency and effectiveness of regional transport interventions and, hence, their contribution to local development and poverty reduction. *Project preparation is under way*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78813. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport and Communications/PROVIAS Departamental, Av. 28 de Julio No. 800, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 332-5112, Fax: (511) 331-5112, Contact: Ing. Walter Zecenarro Mateus, *Coordinador*

### Urban Development

**(R) Vilcanota Valley Rehabilitation and Management:** The project aims at establishing a foundation for sustainable development in the Machu Picchu Sanctuary and the Vilcanota valley through investments in tourism management capacity, urban infrastructure development and the rehabilitation of historical and cultural sites. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for 19 July 2004*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82625. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism, Ave. Uno, COPROPAC, San Isidro, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 226-0293, Contacts: Arq. Ramiro Salas Bravo, Vice Minister, Ing. Jorge Chavez, Director Nacional de Desarrollo Turístico

## Regional

### Environment and Natural Resources Management

**OECS Protected Areas and Associated Livelihoods (GEF):** The objective of the project is to strengthen national and regional capacities in the sound management of protected areas in support of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States sub-region through: (i) the strengthening of existing and creation of new protected areas; and (ii) providing environmentally sustainable economic opportunities for communities in the surrounding areas. Approved by the Executive Directors on 20 May 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73267. US\$ 3.7 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Secretariat, Morne Fortune, PO Box 1383, Castries, St. Lucia, Tel: (758) 453-6208, Fax: (758) 452-2194, E-mail: oecsnr@candw.lc, Contact: Dr. Vasantha Chase, Head of Unit

### Information and Communication

**(N) OECS: ICT Development:** The objective of the project is to improve the access, quality and use of telecommunications services within the OECS to achieve sustainable territorial and regional development. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88448. US\$ 4.6/3.4 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

Secretariat, Morne Fortune, PO Box 1383, Castries, St. Lucia, Tel: (758) 453-6208, Fax: (758) 452-2194, E-mail: bbest@oeecs.org, Contact: Beverly Best, Project Officer

## St. Lucia

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) HIV/AIDS Prevention (Ln. 7252-SLU/Cr. 3947-SLU, H112-SLU):** The objective of the project is to control the spread of HIV/AIDS and mitigate its impact, with targeted interventions for high risk groups and non-targeted interventions for the general population. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75795. US\$ 3.2/1.6/1.6 (IBRD/IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Financial Center, Bridge St., St. Lucia, Tel: (758) 453-6966, Fax: (758) 452-5655, Contact: Mr. Trevor O.B. Brathwaite, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Health, Stanislaus James Bldg., Waterfront, St. Lucia, Tel: (758) 453-6966, Fax: (758) 452-5655, Contact: Mr. Fidelis Williams, Permanent Secretary

### Public Sector Governance

**(R) Public Sector Modernization:** The project will: (1) develop model legislation in the area of public service for the OECS; (2) improve the quality of financial management, particularly in the areas of internal and external audit and legislative scrutiny; (3) enhance accountability through a variety of mechanisms ranging from more proactive use of information technology; and (4) streamline business application procedures and create a more favorable climate for private sector investment, including the rationalization of procurement harmonization. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, International Financial Services and Economic Affairs, Old Government Bldg., Laborie St., Castries, St. Lucia, Tel: (758) 468-3911, Fax: (758) 451-9706, E-mail: llewis@stlucia.org, Contact: Louis E.A. Lewis, Director of Economic Affairs

### Urban Development

**(R) Disaster Management (Cr. 3936-SLU):** The project aims at further reducing the country's vulnerability to adverse natural events (hurricane, floods, etc.) through investment in risk management activities. As such, the objectives of the project are to strengthen: (a) infrastructure against the adverse impact of natural events through the implementation of physical mitigation measures; (b) the response capacity in case of an adverse natural event through capacity building, equipment purchase and investment in emergency infrastructure; and (c) the institutional capacity of the various ministries and agencies dealing with disaster management through the provision of adequate facilities, critical equipment, technical assistance and training. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86469. US\$ 3.0/3.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants have been hired. Ministry of Physical Planning, Environment and Housing, PO Box 709, St. Lucia, Tel: (758) 468-4486, Fax: (758) 453-0417, E-mail: cmathurin@planning.gov.lc, Contact: Cheryl Mathurin, Deputy Project Coordinator

## St. Vincent and the Grenadines

### Education

**(R) Education Development Program (Ln. 7243-SV/Cr. 3943-SV):** The objective of the project is to build human capital which, in turn, will contribute to the diversification of the economy and more sustainable growth. This will be achieved by: (a) increasing equitable access to secondary education; (b) improving the quality of teaching and learning with more direct interventions and resource provisions at the school level, a focus on student-centered learning and mechanisms to provide student support; and (c) strengthening sector management and school governance. *The project was approved — following APL procedures — on 29 June 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86664. US\$ 3.1/3.1 (IBRD/IDA). A limited number of consultants will be hired, mostly by DFID. Ministry of Education, Halifax St., Kingstown, St. Vincent, Tel: (784) 457-1104, Fax: (784) 457-1114, Contact: Ms. Shirla Francis, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Planning and Finance, Contact: Mr. Cools Vanloo, Education Planner

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**(R) HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control (Ln. 7251-SV/Cr. 3946-SV, H111-SV):** The project is part of the multi-country HIV/AIDS prevention and control Adaptable Program Lending (APL) for the Caribbean Region. It will support targeted HIV/AIDS interventions for high-risk groups and non-targeted interventions for the general population. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76799. US\$ 3.5/1.8/1.8 (IBRD/IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Environment, Administrative Centre, Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tel: (784) 456-1111 Ext. 511/512; 457-2586, Fax: (784) 457-2684, E-mail: mohesvg@vincysurf.com, Contact: Mrs. Verlene Saunders, Permanent Secretary

## Uruguay

### Energy and Mining

**Energy Efficiency:** The project will increase consumer-driven demand for — and competitive supply of — energy efficient goods and services by (a) creating the enabling framework for the development of an energy efficiency market and (b) stimulating development of the market by facilitating the availability and acquisition of energy efficient goods and services. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 May 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 68124. US\$ 6.8 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mines, Mercedes 1041, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 908-6313, Fax: (598-2) 902-1629, E-mail: alvaro.bermudez@dne.miem.gub.uy, Contact: Ing. Alvaro Bermudez, National Director of Energy

### Health, Nutrition and Population

**Second Health Sector Development:** The objectives of the project are to: (a) increase access to and quality of the primary health care network serving the poor uninsured; (b) enhance and secure essential public health functions nationwide; and (c) redesign and improve the Ministry of Public Health's regulatory and stewardship capacity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 18 de Julio 1892, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 409-1015/2534, E-mail: ministro@misp.gub.uy, Contact: Dr. Conrado Bonilla, Minister

### Rural Development

**(R) Integrated Natural Resources & Biodiversity Management (formerly Rural Development)** The objective of the project is to promote adoption of an integrated production system in agricultural and livestock landscapes to increase productivity within a context of holistic ecosystems and natural resources management while conserving soils, water, grasslands, and biodiversity. The IBRD portion will finance the productive and competitive components related to agriculture and livestock. The GEF component will finance the incremental costs required to restore or improve the capacity of the productive rural landscape to maintain ecological processes and conserve biodiversity. The project will promote multiple-land use practices for biodiversity conservation outside protected areas. *Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for mid-July 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0/7.0 (IBRD/GEF). No consultants are required. Ministerio de Ganadería, Agricultura y Pesca, Cerrito 316, Piso 1, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 915-0049, Contact: Diego Paysee, Project Coordinator

## Venezuela

### Law and Justice

**(R) Judicial Conflict Resolution:** The objective is to enhance the Judiciary's ability to resolve conflicts so as to help alleviate social tensions and polarization. It would involve: (a) piloting alternative conflict resolution mechanisms; (b) expanding to lower courts, especially in Caracas, reforms achieved in administration and citizen information access; and (c) deepening Judicial Branch transformation. *Appraisal is scheduled for 16 August 2004.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84571. US\$ 28.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Directorate of the Judiciary, Supreme Tribunal of Justice, Esquina de Dos Pilitas, final Ave. Baralt, Caracas, Venezuela, Tel: (58-212) 553-9512, Contact: Dr. Ivan Rincón, President

## 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

### Regional

#### Energy and Mining

**West African Gas Pipeline:** (Private Sector) The project comprises 3 main components: a) the commissioning of a gas pipeline from Nigeria to Ghana; b) the development of non-power gas markets in Ghana, Benin, and Togo and the financing of other technical assistance needs; and c) support to the newly created WAGP Authority. The pipeline would transport natural gas from Nigeria to the neighboring countries of Ghana, Togo, and Benin initially for power generation, but eventually for other commercial and industrial uses. An IDA partial risk guarantee up to US \$50 million to protect commercial parties against sovereign risks is currently being considered in support to the project. Estimated total project cost US\$ 550 million. Board presentation is expected in the second quarter of FY05.

#### Uganda

#### Energy and Mining:

**(R) 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. Financial closure delayed pending settlement of outstanding issues with the government and possible restructuring. *This project is no longer in the guarantees program. Further reporting will be discontinued.*

## East Asia and Pacific Region

### Lao People's Democratic Republic

#### Energy and Mining:

**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 and Shareholder Agreement have been signed. The Power Purchase Agreement is expected to be signed shortly. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for the first quarter of FY05.

## Europe and Central Asia

### Romania

#### Energy and Mining

**(N) Banat and Dobrogea Electricity Distribution Privatization:** (Private Sector) The World Bank will provide a partial risk guarantee of about US\$ 60.0 in support of the country's energy privatization program by enabling the government and the private investor to reach an agreement for Banat and Dobrogea, and implement privatization and a new regulatory framework for electricity distribution. The PRG is intended to provide a guarantee of recovery of loss of revenue caused by a change or repeal by the government's regulatory authority or its non-compliance with the provisions of an agreed regulatory framework. Estimated total project cost US\$ 300.0. Board presentation is scheduled for the second quarter of FY05.

## Middle East and North Africa Region

### Jordan

#### Water and Sanitation

**(R) 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. *This project is no longer in the current guarantees program. It has been postponed until FY06-07. Further reporting will be discontinued until it is again being actively prepared for implementation.*

## LIST OF ACRONYMS

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

