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GUIDE TO THE WORLD BANK MONTHLY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

The World Bank Monthly Operational Summary (MOS) reports on the status of projects in the World Bank’s pipeline from the time the operation is identified to the signing of the Loan, Credit, or Grant Agreement. It is a detailed accounting of the projects included in the country lending programs that are actively being prepared for implementation. The lending programs reflect the Bank’s strategy for each member country as set out in the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) presented to the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank. On average, it takes about 13 months for the Bank to process a project from concept to approval. After a financing agreement is signed or a project is dropped from the program, the project entry is deleted from this summary. Each issue of the summary contains a list of projects reported for the first time and the list of projects deleted from the current issue program. Familiarity with the Bank’s project cycle, summarized in the following paragraphs, can help potential bidders identify business opportunities with Bank borrowers. Each entry in the MOS indicates at what point the operation is in the project cycle.

Project Cycle

During IDENTIFICATION, the client government and the Bank identify a specific operation as being likely to support the country’s development strategy and the Bank’s CPF.

During PREPARATION, the client government identifies and discusses the technical and institutional alternatives for achieving the objectives of a project. 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.

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

During NEGOTIATIONS, 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 Bank’s Board of Executive Directors for approval. After approval, the financing agreement is signed.

Project IMPLEMENTATION normally starts within a few months after the project financing agreement is signed. Countries, through their implementing agencies, have full responsibility for executing of World Bank-financed projects, including procuring goods and works and hiring consultants. Contractors and suppliers, therefore, should contact appropriate officials of the implementing agency to express their interest in specific projects and obtain information on what goods and services will be needed and when and how to submit bids and proposals.

Consultants are often used during project implementation to provide technical assistance and other project implementation support. 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 (MOS) 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; direct contact with relevant agency officials is recommended.

Firms should contact the World Bank only if they are unable to obtain a response to their queries from the implementing agency. General information about business opportunities under Bank loans, credits, and grants may be obtained from the World Bank’s Procurement Policy and Services Group’s website at http://www.worldbank.org/procure (click on “Bidding/Consulting Opportunities” on the left navigation bar). Business opportunities under World Bank-financed appear twice a month in UN Development Business and are available via the Internet at <www.devbusiness.com>. The website also includes invitations to bid and submit proposals, notices of contract awards, and General Procurement Notices.
Environmental Categories

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

**Category A:** The project may have adverse and significant environmental impacts. Full environmental assessment is normally required.

**Category B:** The project may have specific environmental issues. Partial environmental assessment is normally required.

**Category C:** Likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts. Beyond screening, no further EA action is required.

**Category FI:** Involves investment of Bank funds through a financial intermediary, in subprojects that have adverse environmental impacts. An environmental framework may be required.

**Category U:** No category given.

The World Bank has three basic lending instruments: (ii) Investment Project Finance which provides financial support for goods, works and services for a pre-defined specific project; (ii) Development Policy Finance (DPF) which supports countries' policy and institutional reforms in a sector or the economy as a whole and provides quick-disbursing budget support; and (iii) Program-for-Results (PforR) which finances a small part of a large government program, with disbursements linked to results or performance indicators. DPF and PforR operations are not included in the (MOS) because these instruments are not designed to provide procurement opportunities since the funds are disbursed directly to government accounts.

A typical summary entry looks like this:

**MOS: A Typical Record**

1. Name of client country
2. Sector
3. (R) = revised; (N) = new entry
4. Project description
5. Italics indicate change from last month's listing
6. PID = project identification number
7. Amount of financing in US$ millions (source)
8. Name/address of implementing agency

The Global Environment Facility (GEF)

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 was established in 1991 by a Resolution of the World Bank Executive Directors as a pilot program to assist in the protection of the global environment and to promote environmentally sound and sustainable economic development. The GEF operates as a mechanism for providing new and additional grant and concessional funding to meet the agreed incremental costs of measures to achieve agreed global environmental benefits in the focal areas of climate change, biodiversity, international waters, land degradation chemicals, sustainable forest management (SFM)/REDD+, and under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund—adaptation to climate change. The GEF consists of an Assembly of 183 participating countries, a Council, a Secretariat a Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, and 14 Implementing Agencies – ADB, AfDB, CI, DBSA, EBRD, FAO, IaDB, IFAD, IUCN, UNDP, UNIDO, World Bank, and WWF.

As one of the Implementing Agencies of the GEF, the World Bank assists its member countries conserve and sustainably use their biological diversity, reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases and adapt to climate change, manage shared water bodies and reduce their
emissions of ozone-depleting substances by accessing GEF resources to cover the incremental costs of additional actions on these global issues.

To be eligible for GEF co-financing, projects must be consistent with at least one of the GEF's 'Operational Programs' and meet the GEF project eligibility criteria.

For additional information on the GEF, contact the GEF secretariat or visit its website: www.thegef.org/gef
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New Projects Added In This Issue

Africa Region

Africa
Health and other social services: SWEDD AF for Burkina Faso
Health and other social services: Disease Surveillance and Respone in West Africa
Transportation: Olwiyo – Nebbi – Goli road Road Project
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Zimbabwe National Water Project

Burundi
Industry and trade: City Competitiveness for Job Creation

Ghana
Health and other social services: Ghana Productive Jobs for Youth

Malawi
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Malawi Flood Emergency Recovery
Education: Malawi GPE II
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Lilongwe Water Project

Mozambique
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Mozambique - Aquaculture and Climate Change

Niger
Finance: Niger Investment Climate Support

Nigeria
Health and other social services: NG-Polio Eradication Support - Additional Financing

Senegal
Energy and mining: SN-Solar Energy Development thru IPPs

Sierra Leone
Energy and mining: SL:AF for Energy Sector Utility Reform Project

Somalia
Industry and trade: Somalia Core Economic Institutions SCORE
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Somalia Recurrent Cost & Reform Financing Facility - Phase 2

Tanzania
Energy and mining: Rural Electrification Expansion Project

Zambia
Energy and mining: Zambia Environmental Remediation and Improvement Project
Transportation: Eastern Region Inclusive Growth Project

East Asia And Pacific Region

China
Education: China: Guangdong Compulsory Education Project
Education: China: Gansu Technical and Vocational Education and Training Project
Health and other social services: Anhui Aged Care Project

Indonesia
Finance: Regional Infrastructure Development Fund
Health and other social services: Indonesia National Urban Slum Upgrading Program
Industry and trade: National Affordable Housing Program
Transportation: Indonesia Infrastructure Finance Facility - Additional Financing
Water, sanitation and flood protection: The National Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (PAMSIMAS AF)

Papua New Guinea
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Water Supply and Sanitation Development Project

Samoa
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Pacific Resilience Program

Tonga
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Pacific Resilience Program

Europe And Central Asia Region
Azerbaijan
Health and other social services: Additional Financing to IDP Living Standards and Livelihoods Project
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: SOCIAL PROTECTION MODERNIZATION PROJECT
Kazakhstan
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Kazakhstan Third Irrigation and Drainage Improvement Project
Finance: SME Line of Credit

Kyrgyz Republic
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Third Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project

Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Second Municipal Services Improvement Project

Tajikistan
Health and other social services: Tajikistan: Migrant crisis support
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: TJ: CASA-1000 Community Support Program
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Tajikistan Second Dushanbe Water Supply Project - Additional Financing

Uzbekistan
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Karshi Pumping Cascade Rehabilitation
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Strengthening Administration of Labor and Social Protection Services

Latin America And Caribbean Region
Bolivia
Health and other social services: BO Community Investment in Rural Areas Project Additional Financing

Ecuador
Water, sanitation and flood protection: EC Support to Subnationals for Improved WSS
Industry and trade: EC Economic Diversification & Industrial Services

Mexico
Water, sanitation and flood protection: MX - National Integrated Solid Waste Management

**OECS Countries**

Health and other social services: OECS Social Resilience and Human Development Project

**Panama**

Health and other social services: Strengthening Social Protection and Inclusion System

**Middle East And North Africa Region**

**Tunisia**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: TUNISIA: Forest and Rangeland Ecosystems Co-Management project

Water, sanitation and flood protection: Tunisia - Northern Tunis Wastewater Project Additional Finance

**West Bank and Gaza**

Health and other social services: West Bank and Gaza Cash Transfer Project Second Additional Financing

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: GZ-Second Municipal Development Project-AF

**South Asia Region**

**India**

Energy and mining: Andhra Pradesh Disaster Recovery Project

Transportation: Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Recovery Project

**Nepal**

Health and other social services: Strengthening Systems for Social Protection Project

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Nepal Strengthening PFM Additional Financing

**Pakistan**

Energy and mining: Pakistan Electric Power Transmission Reinforcement Project

Water, sanitation and flood protection: PK: Additional Financing & Restructuring for FATA RLCIP
Projects Deleted from This Issue

Africa Region

Africa: Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA)
Africa: SAPP-Program for Accelerating Transformational Energy Projects(Cr. H9890-3A)
Africa: Kariba Dam Rehabilitation Project(Cr. 55630-ZM)
Africa: Ebola Emergency Response Project - Additional Financing
Botswana: Additional Financing-BNAPS Project
Cameroon: Agriculture Investment and Market Development Project(Cr. 55340-CM)
Cameroon: Kribi Gas Power - Additional Financing
Congo, Democratic Republic of: DRC Catalytic Project to Strengthen the INS
Ethiopia: Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience
Ethiopia: ET Productive Safety Nets Project 4 (PSNP 4)(Cr. 55400-ET)
Ghana: Sustainable Land and Water Management
Ghana: Ghana Youth Employment Project
Ghana - Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition Project(Cr. 54630-GH)
Madagascar: Integrated Growth Poles and Corridor Project 2(Cr. 55640-MG)
Mauritania: MR-Skills Development Project-AF
Mozambique: Mozambique Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development Project(Cr. H9960-MZ)
Mozambique: Enhancing Spatial Data for Flood Risk Management Project
Niger: Niger Additional Financing to the Agrosylvo-pastoral Exports and Markets Development Project
Nigeria: Nigeria Power Sector Guarantees Project - Additional Financing
Nigeria: State and Local Governance Reform Project
Nigeria: Ibadan Urban Flood Management Project(Cr. 55100-NG)

Sierra Leone: DROPPED-SL-Statistics Development
Tanzania: DROPPED-TZ-Ruhudji Hydropower Proej SIL
Tanzania: Renewable Energy for Rural Electrification (RERE)
Uganda: UGANDA North Eastern Road-corridor Asset Management Project (NERAMP)(Cr. 54340-UG)
Uganda: Second Kampala Institutional and Infrastructure Development Project(Cr. 53840-UG)
Zambia: Health Services Improvement Project(Cr. 53940-ZM)
Zambia: Public Financial Management Reform Program Phase I

East Asia And Pacific Region

China: China Partnership for Market Readiness
China: Zhengzhou Urban Rail Project( Ln. 84570-CN)
China: CH GEF Municipal Solid Waste Management Project
China: Zhejiang Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project( Ln. 84240-CN)
China: China-Qinghai Xining Water Environment Management Project( Ln. 84230-CN)
Indonesia: ID - Partnership for Market Readiness
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Lao People’s Democratic Republic: Second Laos Environment and Social Project
Mongolia: Third Sustainable Livelihoods Project(Cr. 54870-MN)
Myanmar: Essential Health Services Access Project(Cr. 55420-MM)
Pacific Islands: Pacific Islands Regional
Oceanscape Program - Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency
Philippines: Philippine Rural Development Project
Philippines: Philippines NCFC Phaseout Project
Philippines: Philippines: Manila Bay Integrated Water Quality Management Project
Solomon Islands: Tina River Hydropower Development Project
Solomon Islands: Solomon Islands Rural Development Program II(Cr. D0220-SB, Cr. 55740-SB)
Vietnam: Transmission Efficiency Project (TEP)( Ln. 84170-VN)

**Europe And Central Asia Region**

Belarus: Transit Corridor Improvement Project( Ln. 84590-BY)
Croatia: Social Protection System Modernization Project( Ln. 84260-HR)
Georgia: Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Management
Kosovo: Kosovo Health Project(Cr. 54420-XK)
Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of: ADDITIONAL FINANCING - MSIP (EU-IPA)
Serbia: Deposit Insurance Strengthening Project( Ln. 83400-YF)
Serbia: Finance and Private Results Based IPF
Serbia: Second Serbia Health Project( Ln. 83380-YF)
Ukraine: Second Power Transmission Project( Ln. 84620-UA)
Uzbekistan: Improving Pre-primary and General Secondary Education Project
Uzbekistan: Pap-Angren Railway( Ln. 84650-UZ)

**Latin America And Caribbean Region**

Belize: Climate Resilient Infrastructure( Ln. 84160-BZ)
Bolivia: Bolivia Climate Resilience - Integrated Basin Management
Colombia: Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon
Colombia: ACCESS WITH QUALITY TO HIGHER EDUCATION PROJECT-ACCES II - SOP PHASE 2( Ln. 83540-CO)

**Middle East And North Africa Region**

Algeria: DZ-Improved Desert Ecosystems and Climate Resilient Oases
Jordan: Jordan Financial Sustainability Policy Based Guarantee (PBG)
Jordan: NATIONAL UNIFIED REGISTRY AND OUTREACH WORKER PROGRAM
Jordan: Regional and Local Development II
Lebanon: GEF-SCCF-Sustainable Agric. Livelihoods in Marginal Areas (SALMA)
Lebanon: Emergency Nat’l Poverty Targeting Proj
Lebanon: Lebanon-Water Supply Augmentation Project( Ln. 84430-LB)
Lebanon: Lebanon Municipal Services Emergency Project
Morocco: MA-Noor Ouarzazate Concentrated Solar Power Project( Ln. 84400-MA)
West Bank and Gaza: Health System Resiliency Strengthening
Yemen, Republic of: RY Higher Education Quality Improvement Project - Additional Financing
Yemen, Republic of: Yemen Accountability Enhancement Project
Yemen, Republic of: Emergency Support to Social Protection Project(Cr. D0120-RY)

**South Asia Region**

Afghanistan: Physical and Institutional Infrastructure for Strategic Grain Reserves in Afghanistan
Afghanistan: Non-Formal Approach to Training Education and Jobs in Afghanistan Project
Afghanistan: Additional Financing of the Flood Distaster
Afghanistan: Kabul Urban Transport Efficiency Improvement Project
Bangladesh: Income Support Program for the
Poorest (Cr. 55530-BD)
Bangladesh: Community Climate Change Project
Bangladesh: Multipurpose Disaster Shelter Project (Cr. 55610-BD)
India: Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change
Maldives: Accelerating Sustainable Private Investment in Renewable Energy Project (Cr. G2250-MV)
Nepal: SREP-Supported Extended Biogas Project
Nepal: Nepal: Grid Solar and Energy Efficiency (Cr. 55660-NP)
Sri Lanka: Skills Development Project (Cr. 55160-LK, Cr. 55170-LK)
**South Asia**

**Afghanistan**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**AF Additional Financing for Afghanistan**

On there has been good progress in physical rehabilitation, there are still outstanding issues, including: (a) further need for accelerating rehabilitation works, (b) parallel support for on-farm water application to exploit the potentials for irrigated agriculture, (c) strengthen the operation and maintenance arrangement, possibly through the community-based organizations, (d) clarify the respective ministerial roles between the Ministry of Energy and Water, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock (MAIL) (e) strengthen the MAIL, particularly Irrigation Directorate for planning, technical standards, oversight, and M&E.

The MAIL is currently implementing the OFWMP in a satisfactory manner. As OFWMP is scheduled to be closed on December 31, 2015, the MAIL is interested in obtaining the continued support from the Bank to continue rehabilitation works and start addressing the above-mentioned sector issues. Identification completed on 1 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 37.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**AF Additional Financing: Irrigation Restoration and Development**

**AF Additional Financing: Irrigation Restoration and Development Project (IRDP)** has been under implementation since 2011 as an immediate follow up on the Emergency Irrigation Rehabilitation Project, which has successfully been implemented to quickly carry out rehabilitation of the damaged irrigation facilities throughout the country after decades of civil war in the country. IRDP has been implemented in a satisfactory manner, focusing on continued rehabilitation of the damaged irrigation facilities, development a few new dams in the Northern River Basin, and restoration of hydromet data collection and analysis capacity.

**Farm Water Management Project**: Background and Strategic Context. Without doubt, the agriculture sector, including the irrigated subsector will play a critical role for the country’s economy in the foreseeable future. With the support of various donors including the ADB, JICA, USAID and the World Bank, about 1.8 million hectares of the irrigation schemes have been rehabilitated over the last 12 years. While As the IRDP is approaching the mid-term review, the Government (the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW)) and the Bank has made a joint assessment on the relevancy of the current project scope. As a result, agreement has been reached that the major restructuring would be needed to address the emerging water resources management (WRM) and the natural disaster risk management (DRM) would be needed. In particular, the restructuring would support the MEW to focus on the core-mandate of the MEW, including: (a) investment and operation of the large irrigation schemes, (b) investment, operation and maintenance and repair works for irrigation dams, (c) flood forecast and early warning, (d) river bank protection, and (e) groundwater monitoring. In this context, the MEW expressed interest in obtaining the additional financing (AF) for the IRDP as a part of the restructuring the project Identification completed on 1 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 70.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Education**

**Higher Education Development Project**: The Government of Afghanistan (GoA) has a national development strategy in which higher education is a key policy priority for future development. The Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) has a higher education development strategy which is being updated for the period 2014-2020. A higher education program for the implementation of this strategy will be developed by the MHE during the course of 2013/2014. The proposed Project will assist the MHE to implement the national higher education strategy. The key policy initiatives which the
project will support include: (a) increasing enrollment in higher education, especially of young women; (b) improving the quality of higher education, with particular emphasis on orienting the higher education sector towards the future economic needs of Afghanistan; and (c) building systems for greater academic and procedural autonomy of universities, with suitable institutional and accountability mechanisms. Identification completed on 5 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Higher Education.

Energy and mining

DABS Planning And Capacity Support: The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to improve sustainably the capabilities of DABS to plan investments in, and maintenance of, the electricity distribution system. Concept completed on 15 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131228. US$ 7.5 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. DABS.

Naghu Hydropower Rehabilitation Project: The Project Development Objective is to increase rapidly the supply of domestically-generated electricity (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

Additional Financing to Financial Sector Rapid Response Project: This project is to assist DAB to improve its core function of banking supervision and regulation, and to help improve access to formal banking services by establishing key initial building blocks for further financial sector reform. Over its five-year implementation period, FSSP aims to strengthening DAB’s capacity through: (i) strengthening of the off-site supervisory functions of DAB, (ii) strengthening of DAB’s accounting and internal audit capabilities, and (iii) establishment of an effective human resource management system, and (iv) development of an effective information technology system. The project also assists in developing financial sector infrastructure through: (i) establishment of a Public Credit Registry, (ii) establishment of a Collateral Registry, and (iii) supporting the physical development of the Afghanistan Institute of Banking and Finance (AIBF). Approval completed on 26 November 2013.

Afghanistan Power System Development Project Additional Financing: The objective of this operation is to provide sufficient additional financing to cover the additional cost of completing three contracts under the Afghanistan Power Sector Development Project (P111943) as well as the cost of retaining the Project Management Firm to allow it to supervise the project to completion. The estimated amount of Additional Financing required is $13.5 million and will be financed by the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF). To complete these works and for the project objectives to be met, the Closing Date would be extended by 1 year (i.e. until January 31, 2016.) Identification completed on 10 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 16.0 (ARTF). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, E-mail: maqa2005@yahoo.com, Contact: Adris Walli, Aide Coordination Specialist; Da Afghanistan Bank Tel: (93-79) 722-3340, E-mail: zalmie.sherzad@centralbank.gov.af, Contact: Zalmie Sherzad, Project Director.

Health and other social services

SEHAT Additional Financing: The proposed AF to the SEHAT project (P129663) will finance the delivery of the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) and Essential Package of Hospital Services (EPHS) in the 13 provinces currently supported by USAID. As outlined in its 2/2/14 letter, USAID intends to provide an estimated total program contribution to ARTF in the amount of US$ 227.6 million for the 5 year SEHAT program. In addition to supporting BPHS and EPHS (SEHAT component 1), the USAID contribution will support the provision of technical assistance to strengthen the stewardship capacity of MOPH and program management activities, (SEHAT components 2 and 3, respectively). Identification
completed on 12 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 248.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Industry and trade**

**Afghansitan Rural Enterprise Development Project II:** This is a follow on project to the first Afghanistan Rural Enterprise Development Project. Identification completed on 8 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.3 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Municipal Development Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Second Public Financial Management Reform:** Addition financing for the PFMRII project Identification completed on 23 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 129.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Support to Afghan Land Authority:** The proposed project will consist of four components focused on institutional strengthening and capacity building of ARAZI through the development of an administrative system of land registration, policy and land access. The aim is to build the capacity of the Afghanistan Independent Land Authority (ARAZI) to pursue a pro-poor land policy and deliver transparent land administration and management services.

The project aims to support:

a.the establishment of an affordable and accessible land registration system.

b.raising public awareness, knowledge and understanding about laws and regulations governing the land sector.

c.developing processes and service standards for ARAZI’s core functions.

d.improving the implementation capacity of ARAZI to deliver its services.

the effective and efficient use of state land for equitable socio-economic development Identification completed on 2 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

**Baghlan (Dushi) Bamyen:** To improve and sustain the network connectivity of 3 cross Hindukush provinces, namely Baghlan, Bamiyan and Parwan Identification completed on 5 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 250.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**URBAN POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:** The project will support the Ministry of Urban Development strengthen it’s analytic and advocacy skills to be the premier strategic thinker on urban issues on Afghanistan. It will support the Ministry develop an urban observatory, housing policy, advocacy notes on property taxation and reports on the state of urban areas on Afghanistan (Urbanization trends and future prospects; places and economic clusters that deserve priority; and recommended interventions). Identification completed on 26 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Bangladesh**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) National Agricultural Technology Project - Additional Financing:** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has proposed to provide a grant to improve agricultural
productivity and farm incomes in the country through research into appropriate technology, increased adoption of low risk-high reward technologies in marginalized areas, and fostering farmers' links to markets.

The project will build on the lessons learned and good practices developed in the World Bank financed Bangladesh National Agricultural Technology Project and the Bangladesh Integrated Agricultural Productivity Project. Approval completed on 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133251. US$ 23.7 (FSCO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) Tel: 880-2-9540100, E-mail: dmazmulislam@gmail.com, Contact: S.M. Nazmul Islam, Secretary in charge.

**Bangladesh NATP-2: National Agricultural Technology**

**Program - Phase II Project:** To increase the agricultural productivity of smallholder farms and improve smallholders’ access to markets in selected districts. Appraisal completed on 2 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149553. US$ 176.3/7.4/23.9 (IDA Credit/AID/IFAD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MOFL) Tel: (880-2) 716 1258, E-mail: fishlivsec@pace-moe.gov.bd; Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) Tel: 880-2-9540100, E-mail: dmazmulislam@gmail.com, Contact: S.M. Nazmul Islam, Secretary in charge.

**Nuton Jibon Livelihood Improvement Project:** The proposed Project Development Objective is to improve livelihoods of the poor and extreme poor in the project areas. Negotiations authorized on 22 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149605. US$ 197.0/3.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Social Development Foundation Tel: +880-2-8100505, E-mail: md@sdfbd.org, Contact: Mr. A.Z.M. Sakhawat Hossain, Managing Director.

**Education**

**Additional Financing: Skills and Training Enhancement Project:** The Additional Financing will support the original four components of the Skills and Training Enhancement Project to further contribute towards scaling up ongoing institutional grants to additional public and private institutions to meet the ongoing demand and to fill in the funding gap in the stipend activities. Following are the components under the Additional Financing: Component 1: Improve the Quality and Relevance of Training This component will be implemented through two (2) windows. Window I will support selected additional private institutions offering diploma level programs. These institutions will be chosen on the basis of well-defined eligibility and selection criteria. Window II will support selected additional institutions providing short-term vocational and technical training. These institutions will be chosen based on similar eligibility and selection criteria employed under Window I. Component 2 - Pilots in Technical and Vocational Education and Training Developing pilot activities aimed at strengthening the overall technical and vocational educational training system: Supporting Industry Skills Councils (ISC) and the National Skills Development Council (NSDC) by providing a grant financing and operational cost support to finance establishment of specific offices to about two to four ISCs and NSDC who will guide the overall regulatory and legislative framework for Vocational Education and Training and skills development. Component 3 - Institutional Capacity Development Strengthening the capacity of the Recipient in managing the TVET sector as a whole by way of institutional capacity development of the Directorate of Technical Education (DTE), the Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB) under the Ministry of Education (MoE), and the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) under the Ministry of Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment (MOEWOE). (ning (RPL) program. Component 4 - Project Management, Communications, Monitoring and Evaluation Support for project management, monitoring and evaluation of Project progress and outcomes. Approval completed on 26 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 16.7 (FSSA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education Tel: (88-02) 911-0664, E-mail: techedu09@gmail.com, Contact: Directorate of Technical Education, Director General.

**BD Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project - AF:** The Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) was approved in March 2009 and the main objective of the project is to improve the quality and relevance of the teaching and research environment in higher education institution...
through encouraging both innovation and accountability within universities and by enhancing the technical and institutional capacity of the higher education sector. Additional Financing has been proposed to fill the funding gap to effectively complete the agreed project activities; expansion of project interventions in order to scale up project impact and development effectiveness is warranted based on the likelihood of achieving project objective and strong project performance. The following components/activities have been proposed with additional financing of US$60.0 million: (i) Component 1: Promoting Academic Innovation; (ii) Component 2: Building Institutional Capacity of Tertiary Education Sector; (iii) Component 3: Raising the Connectivity Capacity in the Higher Education Sector (BdREN & Digital Library); (iv) Component 4: Establishment of Quality Assurance Mechanism; and (v) Component 5: Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation. Component 1: Promoting Academic Innovation Sub-Component 1.1 - Financing to cover the shortage of funds for the 1st and 2nd rounds AIF. The additional financing will provide funds for the first and second rounds AIF sub-projects which are under implementation. The shortage was created when the Project needed to temporarily reallocate the funds to the BdREN activities under Component 3 during the restructuring. Sub-Component 1.2 - Third round of AIF The AIF will allocate its resources through three competitive windows: (i) improvement of teaching and learning; (ii) enhancement of research capabilities; and (iii) university-wide innovations which include campus network. In order to place additional emphasis on innovation for teaching and learning (Window 1) and research (Window 2), selection criteria will be modified. Established proposal evaluation process will be followed with minor modifications based on the lessons learned from the first and second rounds AIF which will be reflected in a revised AIF Operations Manual. Component 2: Building Institutional Capacity of Tertiary Education Sector This component aims to further strengthen the capacity of UGC, MOE and Higher Education Institutions for the future development of the sector. To this end, the project will support the policy formation based on the studied carried out under the original project. Component 3: Raising the Connectivity Capacity of the Higher Education Sector Sub-component 3.1: Strengthening BdREN connectivity: Basic connectivity through overhead dark fibre would be established by December 2013. To use the full potential of the connectivity campus network would be established for the remaining 20 public universities. In addition, VC facilities using the BdREN connectivity could be established in the Ministry of Education, ERD, and Planning Commission. Provisions would be made available for add-on software including cloud-computing and equipment for performance enhancement. Sub-component 3.2: Awareness building and knowledge exchange: Awareness raising and knowledge exchanges on best practice for the ownership, governance and exploitation of an NREN for the stakeholders of BdREN. The exchange programs could include: (a) Policy level knowledge exchange among the "South" and "North" countries; (b) academic and technical level knowledge exchange with the neighboring countries in Asia Pacific mainly on grid computing, climate modeling, medical imaging etc. Sub-component 3.3: Capacity building (technical and financial management): Additional staffing and technical training of IT personnel at network and campus level - Local training programs for university IT staff on campus networking in association with international providers to create a national capacity to provide such training. A system of scholarships/fellowship or international placements would be provided for specialist training of IT personnel in campus networking with the aim of building a training team for the country. Sub-component 3.4: Application development to maximize the utilization of BdREN: Additional support would be necessary for ensuring (a) enhancement of digital library access, (b) partnership with regional and continental RENs, and (c) utilization "pump-priming" activities in (1) education, (2) research collaboration, and (c) campus safety. Component 4: Establishment of Quality Assurance Mechanism To build on the momentum generated under the first two rounds of AIF and the recent efforts made in developing a national quality assurance mechanism, the Project would support the following activities with the proposed additional financing: (i) establishment of Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council of Bangladesh (QAAC); and (ii) establishment of Institutional Quality Assurance Cells (IQAC). Sub-component 4.1: Establishment Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council of Bangladesh The objective of this sub-component is to provide funds for the establishment of Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council of Bangladesh and the development of Regulations, Qualification Framework, and Quality Assurance Manual. Additional funds will be also provided for awareness campaigns and necessary
capacity building activities. Sub-component 4.2: Establishment of Institutional Quality Assurance Cells (IQACs); (ii) establishment of institutional data collection and analysis mechanism for systematic collecting, processing and dissemination of reliable data concerning higher education quality assurance as well as graduates' performance in the labor market, (iii) preparation of self-assessment, process facilitation and necessary training, external peer reviewers' visits, and preparation and implementation of Institutional Improvement Plan. Details of the implementation mechanism for this Fund will be laid out in the Operations Manual. Component 5: Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation The objective of this component is to ensure proper implementation, management, and monitoring and evaluation of scaled up activities under the project. It would comprise two sub-components, aiming to reach this objective namely: (i) project management; and (ii) monitoring and evaluation. Approval completed on 3 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145749. US$ 125.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Tel: (88-02) 818-1631, E-mail: chair-manugc@yahoo.com, Contact: University Grants Commission, Chairman.

Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project - AF: The Project Development Objective in the proposed AF operation will remain unchanged and will continue to be "to improve the quality of secondary education, systematically monitor learning outcomes, and to increase access and equity in project upazilas". The four project components will be the same as in the original project. The proposed AF would: (i) support the implementation of the expanded project activities (across more schools and students within SEQAEP upazilas) to deepen the impact of a well-performing project; (ii) allow adequate time for MOE to evaluate and institutionalize successful interventions from the ongoing project under a more harmonized secondary education sector program that GOB is planning to initiate by early 2017; and (iii) initiate replication of successful activities beyond 125 SEQAEP upazilas in a phased manner for a smoother institutionalization of SEQAEP interventions. The AF would also extend the Closing Date of the current SEQAEP project from June 30, 2014 to December 31, 2016 in order to carry out the proposed activities. Approval completed on 3 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 265.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, E-mail: seqaep@bdcom.net, Contact: Ministry of Education, Project Director, SEQAEP Project.

AF Bangladesh - Primary Education Development Program III: Additional Financing (AF) in the amount of US$400 million to scale up the Bangladesh Third Primary Education Development Program (PEDP3: P150669). In addition, Level 2 Restructuring comprising: (i) modification of the project scope of work; (ii) revision of the results framework to measure the outcomes associated with the revised scope of work; and (iii) extension of the project closing date from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2017. The Project Development Objective in the proposed AF operation will remain unchanged and will continue to be to: “(i) increase participation and reduce social disparities in primary education, (ii) increase the number of children completing primary and improve the quality of the learning environment and measurement of student learning, and (iii) improve effectiveness of resource use for primary education.” The proposed Additional Financing would help to finance the cost of the scale-up activities and subsequent restructuring of the project to respond effectively to changes in the Bangladesh primary education sector due to ongoing nationalization of the previous "Registered Non-Government Primary Schools" (RNGPS), scale-up and expansion of interventions of the original PEDP3 project in order to implement a further set of reforms by 2017; and join government’s efforts towards achieving universal primary education specifically by improving scaled up efforts targeting the remaining, hardest-to-reach population groups to overcome the barriers to education for those still out of school, while also tackling emerging concerns related to the quality of learning (such as low teacher-student contact hours of instruction in schools). The original project is well performing, and the recent Mid-Term Review (MTR) rates the progress towards development objectives and implementation satisfactory. Approval completed on 16 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150669. US$ 400.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Directorate of Primary Education, Contact: ...
College Education Development Project: The World Bank is working with the Government on a project to support quality enhancement of National University and its affiliated colleges in Bangladesh. The objectives of the operation are: (i) to select initiatives with the potential to overhaul colleges’ quality, relevance and governance, and to optimize their financing; (ii) to focus on activities based on voluntary participation and using incentive mechanisms; (iii) to benefit the college education sector regardless of the status (private or public) of the institutions, and encourage public-private partnerships; and (iv) to focus on activities which can bring rapid and visible benefits to the college subsector. Identification completed on 3 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

Bangladesh Ghorashal Unit 4 Repowering Project: The proposed development objective of the Project is to increase generation supply and efficiency; Concept completed on 22 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128012. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Power Development Board Tel: 880-2-9556832, E-mail: chairman@bpdb.gov.bd., Contact: Md. Abduhu Ruhullah, Chairman.

RERED II Additional Financing: The proposed additional financing is to further scale up the solar home systems and other renewable energy-based options for increasing access to electricity in rural areas of Bangladesh. Approval completed on 19 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150001. US$ 48.4/30.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/GPBA). Consultants will be required. Power Cell Tel: (880-2) 935-6040, E-mail: dg@power-cell.gov.bd, Contact: Mr. Mohammad Hossain, Director General; Infrastructure Development Company Limited Tel: (880-2) 910-2171, E-mail: mmalik@idcol.org, Contact: Mr. Mahmood Malik, Executive Director and CEO.

GPOBA Scale-up for Bangladesh RERED II: The proposed GPOBA grant in the amount of US$ 15 million would help finance the costs associated with further scaling up of RERED II project’s renewable energy components supporting installations of SHSs, solar powered mini-grids, solar irrigation pumps, and biogas plants. The grant will be implemented by the Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL), fully owned by the Government. The program is implemented by IDCOL through eligible Partner Organizations (POs) and project sponsors. Identification completed on 2 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0 (GPBA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

Financial Sector Support Project: 9. The Proposed Development Objective of the project is: “to improve financial market infrastructure, regulatory capacity and access to long term financing”. Concept completed on 15 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P150938. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Bank Tel: (880-2) 712-6101, E-mail: ah-san.ullah@bb.org.bd; mezbaul.haque@bb.org.bd.

Health and other social services

Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project--AF II: The primary rationale for the proposed Additional Financing is for IDA to continue its support to the Government of Bangladesh for improving and strengthening critical disaster prevention infrastructure in the coastal areas of Bangladesh. At the time of Cyclone Sidr, damages were estimated at US$1.2 billion, with significant needs in the further strengthening of coastal embankments as well as the rehabilitation and construction of improved multi-purpose cyclone shelters. The additional financing would be primarily used to: (a) meet the financing gap of about of about US$4.2 million that exist since the inception of the project and also a gap created due to exchange rate between SDRs to USD (about USD 6.2 Million are lost at this stage); and (b) to scale up the construction and rehabilitation of critical infrastructure in particular the disaster shelters in the coastal areas. In addition, part of the proposed credit would be used to carry out necessary repairs/improvement to about ten polders. Approval completed on 30 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146500. US$ 140.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Disaster and Relief Tel: (880-18) 1911-7754, E-mail: cms@dmb.gov.bd, Contact: Syed Ashraful Islam, Communication Media Specialist.
HSDP Additional Finance: The proposed additional finance is to cover for financing gap which has emanated from: 1) front loading allocations from year 5 of the project to disburse for the performance based component - disbursement for accelerated achievement of results (DAAR) in the first two years of the program; and 2) a short-fall in the overall sector financing. The proposed additional finance will be for accelerated implementation of the existing interventions as well as introducing new initiatives for the post MDG targets. Identification completed on 28 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Pro-Poor Slums Integration Project: The proposed Project Development Objective to pilot a community based approach to improve living conditions in informal settlements in selected municipalities in Bangladesh. This will be achieved by enhancing security of tenure, improving infrastructure, and facilitating access to credit. Concept completed on 22 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130710. US$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. National Housing Authority Tel: (880-02) 951-1029, E-mail: jsm@mohpw.gov.bd, Contact: Kamal Uddin Talukder, Project Director.

Bangladesh Urban Resilience Project: The project development objective is to strengthen the capacity of Government of Bangladesh agencies to respond to emergency events and to strengthen systems to reduce the vulnerability of future building construction to disasters in Dhaka and Sylhet. Negotiations authorized on 30 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149493. US$ 173.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Project Coordinating Monitoring Unit, Programming Division, Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning Tel: 88-02-9531352, E-mail: DG@pcmu.gov.bd, Contact: Dr. Md. Jahirul Islam, Director General.

Transportation

Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit Project: The project development objective of the proposed project is to improve the urban passenger transport system in Dhaka, especially in terms of quality of service, affordability, safety, and environmental impact. The proposed project will develop the southern section of the BRT Line 3, which connects the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Line 6 (supported by JICA) and the northern section of BRT Line 3 (supported by ADB), respectively, at the downtown Dhaka and at the airport. All there transit lines are key elements of a mass public transport network being developed in Dhaka.

The project will mainly include two components: (1) construction of the BRT line, including all necessary infrastructure and facilities; (2) institutional development and capacity building for relevant government agencies, BRT operators and other key stakeholders. The project will also include the implementation of social and environmental management programs, if required to ensure achievement of the project development objectives.

The estimated total cost of the project is $250 million, which the GoB expects to be financed by the World Bank through a credit. The estimated budget for Bank’s task team in FY14 is USD100,000. Identification completed on 6 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Dhaka-Chittagong Multimodal Corridor Development Project: a.Dredging of inland waterways between Dhaka-Chittagong to facilitate cargo and passenger transport

b.Provision of key vessels for passenger and cargo transport, navigation, surveying and safety
c.Navigational aides to facilitate transport and improve navigation safety
d.Studies on River Ports Improvement and Incentivizing Private Sector Investment
e.Technical Assistance and Studies to Improve the Operational Efficiency of Bangladesh Railways including addressing organizational and operational deficiencies and preparation activities for the development of the Dhiringram ICD.
Development of City of Chittagong Master Plan to relieve congestion in the City of Chittagong and especially to facilitate free-flowing traffic to and from the Port of Chittagong, Bangladesh’s main port. Identification completed on 2 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 290.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

**BD River Management Improvement Program - Phase I:** The objective of this program is to reduce the adverse impacts of flooding and erosion along the Brahmaputra right embankment, enhance its sustainable management and improve accessibility along the BRE corridor.

The project specific PDO is to improve flood and erosion management capacity, and increase protection against river flooding and erosion along selected sections of the Brahmaputra River. Concept completed on 23 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P149734. US$ 600.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), E-mail: pdecrp.bwdb@gmail.com, Contact: Sarder Sirazul Hoque, Additional Chief Engineer.

India

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**Neeranchal National Watershed Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support IWMP through technical assistance to improve incremental conservation outcomes and agricultural yields for communities in selected sites, and adoption of more effective processes and technologies into the broader IWMP in participating states. Approval completed on 17 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132739. US$ 178.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Land Resources Tel: 91-11-23062454, E-mail: sandeep.dave@nic.in, Contact: Dr. Sandeep Dave, Joint Secretary and Project Director.

**India Ecosystems Service Improvement Project:** To strengthen the institutional capacity of the Department of Forestry and community organizations to enhance forest ecosystem services and improve the livelihoods of forest dependent communities in Central Indian Highlands. Appraisal completed on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133803. US$ 24.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Tel: 011-24695242, E-mail: asmefsusheel@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Susheel Kumar, Additional Secretary and Project Director.

**Telangana Rural Inclusive Growth Project:** The PDO would be to enable selected poor households to enhance agricultural incomes and secure increased access to human development services and social entitlements.

The “selected poor households” will include households that are geographically & socially excluded and have low income levels. The incomes for these households will be enhanced by ensuring increased incomes from agriculture and allied sectors through increased productivity and enhanced market access. The “human development services” include services related to health, nutrition and sanitation. The “social entitlements” mainly include social safety nets like the wages from National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, pensions and insurance benefits that are provided by the government. Approval completed on 19 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143608. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) Tel: 91-40-23298469, E-mail: muraliaku@gmail.com, Contact: A. Murali, Mr.

**India: Integrated SLEM Approaches:** India is facing the twin challenge of increasing farm productivity to ensure food security for its growing population and prevent further degradation of land based productivity. The task would invest in preventing land degradation and desertification by addressing the key sector challenges of low capacity in monitoring land degradation, difficulty in scaling up Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management (SLEM) approaches and absence of a national knowledge network working with farming communities to share and exchange knowledge and good practices suitable for dry land agriculture. Identification completed on 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$
4.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Tel: (91-11) 2436-1727; ICFRE Tel: /Fax: (91-135) 275-0693, E-mail: saibalsagupta@icfre.org, Contact: Mr. Saibal Dasgupta

UP SODIC LANDS RECLAMATION III PROJECT - ADDITIONAL FINANCING: The main objective of the additional financing is to sustainably reclaim additional ravine lands within the umbrella on the on-going Sodic Lands Reclamation III project. The Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India (GOI) has endorsed the proposal of the Government of Uttar Pradesh (GOB) for this additional financing. The proposed Additional Financing (AF) will enable the sustainable reclamation of ravine lands leading to an increase in agricultural productivity, a majority of whom are likely to be small and marginal farmers. Identification completed on 19 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 84.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

National Agricultural Higher Education Project: The project development objective is to increase educational relevance and quality in selected State Agricultural Universities. Identification completed on 16 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 82.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Himachal Pradesh Horticulture Development Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to “increase the productivity, profitability and market access of selected horticulture commodities in Himachal Pradesh”.

The primary target beneficiaries of the project will be small and marginal horticulture producers in selected production clusters across the state. Concept completed on 31 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151744. US$ 135.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh Tel: 91-177-2623835, E-mail: jagdish01@gmail.com, Contact: Jagdish Sharma, MD- HPMC.

India: Andhra Pradesh Rural Inclusive Growth Project: The PDO would be to enable selected poor households to enhance agricultural incomes and secure increased access to human development services and social entitlements.

The “selected poor households” will include households that are geographically & socially excluded and have low income levels. The incomes for these households will be enhanced by ensuring increased incomes from agriculture and allied sectors through increased productivity and enhanced market access. The “human development services” include services related to health, nutrition, and sanitation. The “social entitlements” mainly include social safety nets like the wages from National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, pensions and insurance benefits that are provided by the government. Approval completed on 19 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152210. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty Tel: (91-04) 2329-8469, E-mail: brajsekhar@gmail.com, Contact: B. Rajsekhar, CEO.

Education

(R) MP Higher Education Reforms Project: The proposed Project Development Objective is to improve quality and equity in education outcomes for students in higher education, and to increase the effectiveness of the higher education system in Madhya Pradesh. Concept completed on 20 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150394. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Higher Education Tel: 91 755 2441056, E-mail: pshighedu@mp.gov.in, Contact: K. K. Singh, Principal Secretary.

(R) Technical Education Quality Improvement Project III: The proposed Project Development Objective is to improve the performance of technical education institutions, in terms of efficiency, quality and equity. Concept completed on 12 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P154523. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Human Resource Development Tel: 91-11-23383202, E-mail: asinha.edu@nic.in, Contact: Amarjeet Sinha, Additional Secretary.

Energy and mining
North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project: The proposed project development objectives would be:
To improve the availability and reliability of electricity supply through expansion and reinforcement of power systems in the participating states in the North Eastern Region.
Concept completed on 13 August 2012. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127974. US$425.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) Tel: (91-364) 259-0289, E-mail: cdsao@rediffmail.com, Contact: C D Saio, Director (Distribution); Electricity Department, Manipur Tel: (91-385) 245-0050, E-mail: n.dwijen@gmail.com, Contact: N Dwijen Singh, Superintending Engineer; Assam State Electricity Board Tel: (91-361) 273-9520, E-mail: pmu_aseb@rediffmail.com, Contact: Bikash Paul Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL) Tel: (91-381) 231-8001, E-mail: cmd.tsecl@rediffmail.com, Contact: K. Chakrabarti, Director (Technical); Power and Electricity Department, Mizoram Tel: (91-389) 231-1025, E-mail: el_pachuau@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: L. Pachuau, Chief Engineer (Distribution).

(R) Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency: The project development objective is to assist India in achieving energy savings with mobilization of commercial finance and participation of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs). Approval completed on 25 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128021. US$ 18.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Bureau of Energy Efficiency Tel: 91112617-9699, E-mail: Dgb@nic.in, Contact: Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General.

(R) Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency: The project development objective is to assist India in achieving energy savings with mobilization of commercial finance and participation of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs). Approval completed on 29 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P132620. US$ 25.0 (CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Small Industries Development Bank of India Tel: (91-522) 228-8546, E-mail: akkapur@sidbi.in, nverma@worldbank.org, Contact: Mr AK Kapur, Chief General Manager; EESL Energy Efficiency Services Limited Tel: 011-26179699, E-mail: skumar@eesl.co.in, Contact: Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director.

Prepare: Program to Establish Pilots for Access through Renewable Energy: To demonstrate renewable energy based decentralised models of improving energy access in target states of UP & Bihar. Concept completed on 20 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144678. US$ 14.0/14.0 (GEFU/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Tel: 011-24360359, E-mail: Tarun.kapoornic.in, Contact: Tarun Kapoor, Joint Secretary; UPNEDA Tel: 9415609002, E-mail: dir-upneda@gmail.com, Contact: Anamika Singh, Director; BREDA Tel: 0612-2507734, E-mail: breda@breda.in, Contact: Dayanidhi Pradhan, Director.

Greening the Energy Mix in DVC: The proposed project development objectives are (i) To green the energy mix of DVC through increase in grid connected solar energy generation; and (ii) To improve power system reliability and efficiency by modernizing and improving operation of DVC’s grid network. Concept completed on 28 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147818. US$243.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Dhemadar Valley Corporation (DVC) Tel: (91-331) 2355-7935, E-mail: debabrata.pattanayak@dvc.gov.in, Contact: Debabrata Pattanayak.

Program For Large Scale Solar in India: The Project Development Objective is to support large-scale solar power generation in India. Concept completed on 4 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147820. US$500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Solar Energy Corporation of India Tel: 011-71989200, E-mail: corporate@seci.gov.in, Contact: Rajendra Nimje, Managing Director.

Solar Parks Project: A solar park is a concentrated zone of development for solar power generation projects. It provides a turnkey facility to developers, for a fee, in terms of fenced land, clearances and permits, and on-site transmission facilities. The solar park approach therefore is expected to avoid the delays and cost increases resulting from developers needing to
find land, pursuing permits and clearances and paying to connect to the grid, all of which must be recovered in their tariff. After the western hub of solar parks (in Gujarat and Rajasthan), the next frontrunner is the proposed Southern hub (Andhra Pradesh, Telengana and Karnataka have been mentioned) where solar resources are high and power shortages are severe. The project aims to address the implementation barriers and cost reduction of renewable energy in India. Identification completed on 5 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Andhra Pradesh Disaster Recovery Project: To restore and improve rural connectivity, public services, and livelihood opportunities in targeted communities of Andhra Pradesh, and increase the capacity of the State entities to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. Identification completed on 9 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) MSME Growth Innovation and Inclusive Finance Project: The project development objective is to improve access to finance of MSMEs in manufacturing and service sectors from early to growth stage, including through innovative financial products. Approval completed on 24 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P151544. US$500.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Small Industries Development Bank of India Tel: 022-67531145, E-mail: kmani@sidbi.in, Contact: K. Mani, General Manager.

Health and other social services

Uttarakhand Health Systems Development Project: The PDO is to improve access to quality health services, particularly in the hilly districts of the state, and to expand health financial risk protection for the residents of Uttarakhand. Negotiations authorized on 16 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148531. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Medical Health and Family Welfare, Government of Uttarakhand Tel: 91-8979002222, E-mail: neeraj.kharwal@gmail.com, Contact: Dr. Neeraj Kharwal, Mission Director- NHM, DoMHFW.

Nagaland Health Project: To improve health services and increase their utilization by communities in targeted locations in Nagaland. Negotiations authorized on 22 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149340. US$ 48.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland Tel: 91-370-2270565, E-mail: nmhp.wb@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Imchen Sentiyanger, Commissioner, Nagaland.

Enhancing Socioeconomic Empowerment of Adolescent Girls: Objective of the project is to improve education, empowerment and employment of targeted adolescent girls and young women (age 11-24 years) in Jharkhand, and to test models for promoting their socio-economic empowerment. Components include: (i) Enhancing socioeconomic empowerment of AG and young women through development of a State Strategy and Action Plan for AG and creation of AG safe centers, clubs and associations; (ii) Supporting innovations in last mile service delivery for Adolescent Girls and Young Women by designing and implementing pilot models aimed at their socio-economic empowerment; and (iii) Institutional strengthening and implementation support, including evaluating pilot models and implementing an MIS to track program performance and status of AG and young women in Jharkhand, linked with other functions of the Department. Identification completed on 7 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 62.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

Madhya Pradesh Rural Enterprise and Economic Empowerment Project: The overall development objectives of the project are to ‘Increase the productivity, profitability and market excess of the rural poor producers by consolidating the gains and capitalize on the current achievements
Project Outcomes:
- Diversified and enhanced source of income of targeted households in selected project locations;
- Upgraded and enriched skills and capabilities for securing jobs;
- Improved localized employment opportunities in selected project locations; Identification completed on 2 December 2014.

Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 108.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and communications

IN Hydrology III Project: The proposed PDO is to “to strengthen water resources planning and management in selected institutions across India through improved monitoring and enhanced accessibility and use of water resources data and information” Concept completed on 1 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152698. US$ 370.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Tel: 23710305, E-mail: secymowr@nic.in, Contact: Mr. Anuj Kumar Bishnoi, Secretary.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Uttar Pradesh Pro-poor Tourism Development Project: The project development objective is to improve living standards and increase income opportunities for the poor population living in and close to the primary tourism attractions of the Buddhist Circuit and the Braj-Agra Corridor.

The project will also assist the Government of Uttar Pradesh to restructure its tourism sector in a pro-poor manner by (i) providing public services to poor communities living in some of the state’s heritage rich, but lagging areas, (ii) enhancing the management of the state’s natural and cultural assets as endogenous sources of inclusive development, and (iii) enabling private sector investments and associated job creation (e.g. for youth and women). The project is expected to inform policymakers in other states while responding to the Indian Ministry of Tourism’s request for a demonstration project on pro-poor tourism policies and investments. Concept completed on 4 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146936. US$210.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Tourism Tel: 91-9453444888, E-mail: amritabhijat@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Amrit Abhijat, Secretary.

IN: CITIZEN ACCESS TO RESPONSIVE SERVICES – “SERV SEWA” PROJECT: The development objective of the project is to improve access to PSGA services by citizens of Madhya Pradesh, and in particular by historically excluded groups. Negotiations authorized on 15 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149182. US$35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. MP Public Service Management Department.

IN: Karnataka Panchayat Strengthening II: The development objective of the project is to improve the effectiveness, responsiveness and accountability of the rural local governments, in particular, Gram Panchayats in delivering public services prioritized by rural people. During project preparation a more operational PDO will be developed that is amenable to measurement. It is important to note that this development objective is institutional in nature as it focuses on the strengthening of local self-government to deliver relevant services better. This is an important change of emphasis from Phase I where the PDO was focused on "improving the effectiveness of service delivery by Karnataka’s Gram panchayats..." Concept completed on 30 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150288. US$220.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department, Government of Karnataka Tel: 080-22353925, E-mail: chiefgsp-kabn@kar.nic.in, Contact: Yalakki Gowda K, Director, Panchayat Raj.

IN: Citizen-Centric Service Delivery Reform: Contribute to improving Efficiency, Accountability, and Access for Targeted Services in Underserved Areas. Concept completed on 15 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P150308. US$ 48.8 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Assam Tel: 91-0361-2206629, E-mail: rajjibora@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Rajiv Bora, Principal Secretary, Government of Assam; Government of Mizoram Tel: 91-
Transportation

Efficient & Sustainable City Bus Services: The project’s Global Environment Objective (GEO) is to improve the efficiency and attractiveness of city bus transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the demonstration cities. Approval completed on 9 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132418. US$ 9.2 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Urban Development Tel: 011-23061558, E-mail: ck.khaitan@nic.in, Contact: C.K. Khaitan, Joint Secretary (Urban Transport).

Second Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project: The project development objective is to increase road capacity, enhance quality of maintenance, improve safety and support institutional development of Tamil Nadu's core road network (CRN). Negotiations authorized on 31 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143751. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Tamil Nadu Tel: (91-44) 2495-4360, E-mail: tnrspl@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Anil Meshram, Project Director, Second Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project.

(R) UP CORE ROAD NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: The Project Development Objective is to reduce travel time and improve safety of road users on targeted corridors. Appraisal completed on 2 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P147864. US$400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. UP-PWD Tel: 91-522-2621154, E-mail: pspwdup@rediffmail.com, Contact: Mr. Kishan Singh Atoria, Principal Secretary; UP Police Traffic Directorate Tel: 91-522-2050242, E-mail: dirtraffic@nic.in, Contact: Mr. Anil Agrawal, ADG Traffic; Transport Commissioner Tel: 91-522-2613978, E-mail: tc-up@nic.in, Contact: Mr K. Ravinder Naik, Transport Commissioner.

National Waterways Development Project: To facilitate all weather navigability in selected section of National Waterway 1 and to undertake market development and technical feasibility studies to explore the transport development potential for National Waterway 5. Identification completed on 8 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor-3: The objectives of the project are to provide additional rail transport capacity, improved service quality and higher freight throughput on sections of the Eastern Rail Corridor and develop further institutional capacity of DFCCIL to build and maintain the DFC infrastructure network. Identification completed on 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$728.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. DFCCIL Tel: 23370602, E-mail: ajaykumar@dfcc.co.in, Contact: RK Gupta, Managing Director.

(N) Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Recovery Project: To restore and improve connectivity, public services, critical urban infrastructure and livelihood opportunities in targeted communities of Jammu and Kashmir, and increase the capacity of the state entities to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. Identification completed on 11 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

IN: BIHAR KOSI BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: The project development objective is to unlock the economic potential in selected areas of Bihar through an integrated approach that includes the rehabilitation of flood mitigation and irrigation infrastructure, as well as improved access to markets and agriculture services. Concept completed on 9 February 2012. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127725. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Bihar Tel: (91-612) 221-7016, E-mail: amarjeetsinha@hotmail.com, Contact: Dr. Amarjeet Sinha.

IN Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization Project: The Project Development Objective is to improve water service quality to a continuous
supply across the three project cities of Hubli-Dharwad, Belgaum and Gulbarga in the state of Karnataka, through the establishment of sustainable service delivery arrangements at ULB level.

Concept completed on 16 July 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130544. US$199.8 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation (KUIDFC) Tel: 918022232023, E-mail: darpanjain@kuidfc.com, Contact: Mr. Darpan Jain, Managing Director.

National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project-II:
The Project Development Objective is to reduce vulnerability to cyclone and other hydro-meteorological hazards of coastal communities in project States, and increase the capacity of the State entities to effectively plan for and respond to disasters. Negotiations authorized on 22 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P144726. US$ 290.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Maharashtra: Department of Relief and Rehabilitation Tel: 022-22025274, E-mail: Sec.rnr@maharashtra.gov.in, Contact: Mr. K H Govindraj, Secretary; West Bengal: Department of Disaster Management Tel: 033-22143674, E-mail: secrelief@wb.gov.in, Contact: Mr. S Suresh Kumar, Principal Secretary; Gujarat: Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority Tel: 079-23259502, E-mail: ceo@gsdma.org, Contact: Ms. Anju Sharma, Chief Executive Officer; Kerala: Department of Revenue and Disaster Management Tel: 0471-23259502, E-mail: prlsecy.rev@kerala.gov.in, Contact: Mr. E.K. Majhi, Principal Secretary; Karnataka: Department of Revenue and Disaster Management Tel: 080-22251958, E-mail: Secy.dm@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Ritesh Kumar Singh, Secretary; Goa: Water Resources Department Tel: 0832-2419439, E-mail: rk-srivastava@nic.in, Contact: Mr. R K Srivastava, Principal Secretary.

India: National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (I) Additional Financing: The objective is to reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities to cyclone and other hydro meteorological hazards. Approval completed on 8 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P148870. US$ 104.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) Tel: (91-0674) 239-5398, E-mail: mdosdma@osdma.org, Contact: Rajiv Bhawan

Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Program: To improve urban services delivery in participating ULBs in a financially sustainable manner and to pilot improved urban management practices in selected cities. Negotiations authorized on 5 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P150395. US$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. TNUDF Tel: 914428153114, E-mail: cmd@tnuifsl.com, Contact: Mrs. Anita Praveen, Chairperson and Managing Director.

(R) IN Punjab Rural Water and Sanitation Sector Improvement Project: To improve water and sanitation service levels, reduce open defecation, and strengthen service delivery arrangements in targeted villages in Punjab Negotiations authorized on 10 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150520. US$248.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation Tel: 911722741524, E-mail: sureshkumar@punjabmail.gov.in, Contact: Suresh Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Uttar Pradesh Urban Solid Waste Management Project: The objective of the project is to improve the management of municipal solid waste in 177 core cities in Uttar Pradesh through innovative technologies and institutional approaches that will comply with the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Handling Rules 2000 (MSWM 2000 Rules) and build capacity for ULBs in achieving sustainable MSWM systems. The project would involve a partnership among the state, ULBs, and private sector. As described above, the private sector outsource arrangements will be flexible, depending on the size and capacity of the core ULB, opportunities to cluster multiple ULBs for economies-of-scale around the core ULB, and its proximity to markets that would purchase MSW recycling and processing by-products. Identification completed on 5 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$280.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Maldives

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Climate Change Adaptation Project: The PDO is to demonstrate climate adaptive planning and management through the adoption of a multi-sectoral approach in Addu and Gnaviyani Atolls.

The project will be implemented in the Addu and Gnaviyani atolls of the Maldives. Key project beneficiaries are the local communities, Island Councils, Atoll Councils, and private resorts. The Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEE) including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture (MoFA) including the Marine Research Centre (MRC), Local Government Authority (LGA) and Ministry of Tourism (MoT) will benefit from enhanced capacity to deliver climate change adaptation interventions.

The PDO-level results indicators included the following:

a) Establishment of a Protected Wetland Area management system for Hithadhoo and Fuvahmulah to provide ecosystem-linked benefits to the community.

b) Strengthened coral reef monitoring framework for improved management and decision making.

c) Improved capacity of Atoll/Island Councils of Hithadhoo and Fuvahmulah on atoll/island level SWM.

d) Increased awareness on mainstreaming climate change adaptation in island development planning in Atoll/Island Councils.

The project has been designed along five main components that together are expected to contribute to delivering climate resilient island development in the project areas. The project design builds on the lessons and experiences from the projects implemented under the first phase of the CCTF. The components are (i) wetlands conservation (ii) coral reef monitoring (iii) development of an island level integrated SWM system (iv) mainstreaming climate change into island development planning and (v) project management Identification completed on 4 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.0 (MACC). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

(R) Maldives Environmental Management Project Additional Financing: The main aim of the Project is to provide the Republic of Maldives with the capacity to effectively manage environmental risks and threats to fragile coral reefs as well as marine habitats resulting from tourism development, increased solid waste disposal, fisheries and global climate change. Accordingly, this Project has two development objectives. The first Project Development Objective is that a solid waste management system is established and that inhabitants on targeted islands use solid waste management facilities, reducing the risks of contamination associated with accumulated wastes and sea dumping. The second Project Development Objective is to build human and technical capacity for environmental management so that the environmental dimension is integrated in the planning process using information and expertise developed in the Project. Negotiations authorized on 16 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P153958. US$ 3.3 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Environment and Energy Tel: 9603004323, E-mail: memp@environment.gov.mv, Contact: Project Manager, PMU.

Nepal

Education

(R) Higher Education Reforms Project: To support reforms in selected institutions for improving quality, relevance, and efficiency of higher education; and to assist under-privileged students for equitable access. Approval completed on 19 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147010. US$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. University Grants Commission Tel: 977 1 6638434, E-mail ugc@ugcnepal.edu.np, Contact: UGC, Sanothimi, Bhaktapur, Member Secretary.

School Sector Reform Program Additional Financing: The School Sector Reform Program (SSRP) (2009/10-2015/16) program is the flagship school education sector program of the Government of Nepal (GoN), financed jointly by GoN and fourteen Development Partners (DPs), including the World Bank, through a sector wise approach (SWAp). The
three main components of the program focus on Basic Education, Secondary Education and Strengthening Institutional Capacity. The program finances both recurrent and development expenditures for school education, focusing on the three pillars of enhancing access, promoting inclusion, and improving quality. SSRP is facing a funding gap of around US$100 million for the last year of the program. The proposed Additional Financing, which will be part of the SWAp, will help to meet this funding gap. The source of this financing will be the Global Partnership for Education (GPE-formally known as EFA-Fast Track Initiative), which has provided an indicative allocation to Nepal of US$59.3 million. As per GPE requirements, 70% of the AF (referred to as the fixed component) will be used to finance the regular ongoing activities of SSRP, while the remaining 30% (referred to as the variable component of the grant), will be linked to the achievement of agreed upon specific results in the areas of efficiency, equity and learning outcomes. Identification completed on 10 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 59.3 (EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

**Business Models for Private Sector-Led Off-Grid Energy Access Project:** The objective of this Project is to support the development of a local market for private-sector led off-grid energy provision using the innovative and renewable energy (RE) based ‘Anchor-Business-Community (A-B-C)’ business model. Identification completed on 8 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 8.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Nepal: Power Sector Reform and Sustainable Hydropower Development (PSRSHD):** The main project objective of the task is to support capacity development and analytical work in Nepal in order to ensure the effective management and development of the energy system in the context of significant economic, social, and environmental change and needs for infrastructure. Identification completed on 23 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and other social services**

**(R) Nepal Health Sector Support: Towards UHC:** The PDO is to enhance the availability of quality health services and financial protection to the poorest 40% of the population. This will be achieved by supporting Government of Nepal in moving towards Universal Health Coverage and improving efficiency of key health functions at the Ministry of Health and Population. Identification completed on 19 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 150.0/80.0/800.0 (IDA Credit/DFID/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Population Tel: (977-1) 426-2862.

**(N) Strengthening Systems for Social Protection Project:** The project will support strengthening and modernization of administrative systems for delivering social protection benefits and managing vital event registration functions of the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MOFALD). It will also support associated institutional strengthening. Identification completed on 12 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(N) Nepal Strengthening PFM Additional Financing:** 38. The Project Development Objective (PDO) of AF would remain same that of original project that is, “to improve expenditure control and enhance government accountability and transparency by strengthening the treasury system, improving financial reporting and building PFM capacity”. Identification completed on 25 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 80.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
gory C. US$ 3.5 (NPPF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

ROAD SAFETY SUPPORT PROJECT: To reduce the risk of roadway departure crashes on selected sections of the roads targeted under the RSDP and to strengthen the Government of Nepal’s capacity for improving road safety. Negotiations authorized on 13 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149606. US$ 7.5 (GRSP). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Roads Tel: (977-1) 421-6317, E-mail: sanjayashrestha@dor.gov.np, Contact: Mr. Sanjaya Kumar Shrestha, Deputy Director General.

Strategic Roads Development Project: This operation includes: (i) road maintenance; (ii) road rehabilitation; (iii) bridge maintenance; and (iv) bridge rehabilitation; and (v) technical assistance to road sector institutions for capacity development and strategic project preparation activities. The project will include a focus on a section of Nepal’s East-West highway between Pathlaiya and Dhalkebar where there is an acute need to rehabilitate bridges and road sections that have reached the end of their maintainable life. Identification completed on 3 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Pakistan

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

PK-Sindh Barrages Improvement Phase I Project: The development objective is to safeguard the reliable supply of water to about 1 million hectares through the rehabilitation of the Guddu barrage and the improvement of O&M capacity of the Irrigation and Power Department. Concept completed on 6 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131324. US$ 191.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Punjab Tel: (92-42) 910-003.

PK Additional Financing for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Phase 1: To improve Ghotki and Fulili canals. Approval completed on 16 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131325. US$ 138.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SIDA) Tel: (92-301) 837-8787, E-mail: za-hidjunejo@hotmail.com, Contact: Junejo Zahid Hussain

(R) PK Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project: The objective of the Project is to improve irrigation water management at tertiary and field level in Sindh. Negotiations authorized on 16 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 187.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Agriculture Department Tel: (92-22) 9200045, E-mail: dg@aewm.org,, Contact: Agha Zafarullah Durrani, Director General AE&WM.

Pakistan: Potohar Irrigated Agriculture Project: The project aims to improve climate smart irrigated agriculture in Potohar Region of Punjab province of Pakistan. Identification completed on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Punjab Skills Development: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve the quality, labor market relevance of, and access to skills training programs in priority sectors in the Punjab. Negotiations authorized on 4 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P130193. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Industries, Commerce & Investment Dep., Govt. of Punjab Tel: 924299210534-5, E-mail: secyiindustries@punjab.gov.pk, Contact: Arif Anwar Baluch, Secretary.

(R) Global Partnership for Education - Balochistan Education Project: The proposed development objective of the Project is to increase school enrollment and retention in project supported schools, with a special focus on girls’ participation, and to develop mechanisms for information collection and use for improved management of education.
Negotiations authorized on 24 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144454. US$ 34.0 (EFAS). Consulting services to be determined. Secondary Education Department of Balochistan Tel: 92-81-9201622, E-mail: adil_khan282@yahoo.com, Contact: Saboor Kakar, Secretary Education.

(R) Sindh Global Partnership for Education Project: The Project supports the implementation of the Sindh Education Sector Support Program (SESP). The Project Development Objective is to strengthen the institutional capacity to generate, disseminate and use information to support the implementation of key reforms under SESP.

Progress towards the achievement of the PDO will be measured by the following indicators:
1. Number of districts for which monitoring data of at least 70% of schools is collected by DGME.
2. Number of districts for which monitoring data is analyzed and disseminated to ELD management and district administrators.
3. Number of Districts which submitted HRMIS reports to ELD. Approval completed on 4 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146451. US$ 66.0 (EFAS). Consultants will be required. Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh Tel: (92-21) 9921-1227, E-mail: acs.edu@sindheducation.gov.pk, Contact: Fazlullah Pechuho, Secretary.

Energy and mining

IDA Partial Credit Guarantee for Dasu Hydropower Phase-I Project: The proposed Project would support the Government of Pakistan’s efforts to (a) facilitate the expansion of electricity supply of hydro-power in Pakistan; (b) improve access to socioeconomic services for local communities in the project area; and (c) build Water and Power Development Authority’s (WAPDA) capacity to develop Pakistan’s vast hydropower potential. The project would support: (a) construction of a main structure on the Indus River; (b) construction of two power tunnels, a power house and installation of turbines and generators of 2,160 MW installed capacity to generate over 12,000 GWh of annual clean energy; (c) preparatory work such as access roads, offices etc.; (d) construction of a transmission line for evacuation of power; (e) implementation of social and environmental management plans, monitoring of the river, floods, and sediment; (f) construction supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the Project; and (g) project management support and capacity building of WAPDA. Based on the financing strategy for Dasu HPP, a first IDA credit of US$576.6 million (SDRs 371.9 million equivalent) is proposed for project start up and an IDA partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) of US$460 million from IDA16. In addition to the IDA Credit of US$576.6 million, an IDA Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) of US$460 million, approval of which is being sought from the Board, would be used for extending the maturity of commercial loan for the civil works contracts. This PCG would cover Component A (US$1,479.7 million) and Component B (US$1,397.8 million). Conditions and covenants for IDA Partial Credit Guarantee for commercial financing would be agreed with WAPDA when the guarantee related agreements are finalized with financiers. Approval completed on 10 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 460.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Pakistan Electric Power Transmission Reinforcement Project: The development objective of the project is to improve the capacity, efficiency and reliability of electricity transmission services in selected parts of Pakistan’s transmission system. The project will achieve its objective by financing selected transmission sub-projects at the 400kV and 220kV voltage levels including both transmission lines and substations. Identification completed on 9 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$200.0/225.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

Pakistan: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) Emergency Recovery Project: The objective is to assist the Government of Pakistan/KP/FATA restore social protection through transfers and cash for work opportunities to the most affected households and vulnerable groups in the areas affected by military
operation against militants and floods. Approval completed on 20 January 2011. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P121394. US$ 250.0/35.0 (IDA Credit/PKNF). Consulting services to be determined. Provincial Relief Rehabilitation and Settlement Authority (PaRRSA) Tel: (92-91) 921-3855, E-mail: shakeelqadir@pdma.gov.pk, Contact: Shakee Qadir Khan, Director General.

**National Immunization Support Project:**
The project development objective is to increase the equitable coverage of services for immunization against vaccine preventable diseases (VPD), including poliomyelitis, for children between 0 and 23 months in Pakistan. Appraisal completed on 12 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132308. US$ 50.0/80.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/NISP/RBF). Consultants will be required. Expanded Program on Immunization, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Tel: 92-51-920-3248, E-mail: secretaryipc@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Muhammad Ayub Shaikh, Secretary.

**R) CASA 1000 Community Support Program:**
The Project Development Objective is to support local development through improved access to social services and infrastructure for communities living in the Corridor of Impact of CASA 1000 Transmission Line, thereby generating local support for the construction and long term operation of CASA 1000 Transmission Line Project. Concept completed on 13 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151075. US$ 10.0 (CASA). Consultants will be required. National Transmission and Despatch Company Tel: 92429920229, Contact: Engr Tahir Mahmood, Managing Director.

**FATA TDPs Emergency Recovery Project:** To support the Government of Pakistan, and specifically the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), in its early recovery efforts for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) through (a) providing safety net support grants to poor and vulnerable households affected by the militancy crises in the targeted areas; (b) providing conditional cash transfers (CCTs) for human development to poor and vulnerable households in the targeted areas; and (c) strengthening necessary capacities and systems for post-disaster safety nets.

The Project is envisioned to have three components;

Component 1 Safety Net Recovery Cash Grants to the poor and vulnerable households: This component will provide targeted safety net support grants to the poorest and most vulnerable families returning to their homes, to be identified by applying an objective targeting criteria.

Component 2 Co-responsibility cash transfers for education and/or health outcomes: In addition, where supply capacity is favorable, the basic cash grants will be supplemented by CCTs for human development to those eligible families that are complying with pre-established co-responsibilities linked to; a) sending their children to primary school and/or; b) child immunization.

Component 3: Systems development, operational, and M&E Support: This component will make investments in the development of necessary systems as well as finance capacity building and implementation support to the project implementation agencies. Identification completed on 27 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Industry and trade**

**PK: Punjab Inclusive Value Chain and Agribusiness Project:** To improve agriculture productivity, value addition and marketing. Identification completed on 13 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 155.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**PK Sindh Public Sector Management Reform Project:** The development objective of the Project is to strengthen public sector performance in the Province of Sindh through improved revenue generation and expenditure management. Approval completed on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145617. US$ 50.0/12.0 (IDA Credit/ECEU). Consultants will be required. Finance Department, Government of Sindh Tel: (92-21) 9922-
Transportation

MDTF KP Emergency Roads Recovery Project: This Project aims to rehabilitate priority corridors or segments of the main roads in the Swat District of the Province of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa with a view to improve access and mobility. Approval completed on 18 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149311. US$ 9.0 (PKNF). Consulting services to be determined. Pakhtunkhwa Highways Authority (PkHA) Tel: (92-91) 921-3927, E-mail: pdmdtf@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Aslam Khan, Project Director.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Disaster and Climate Resilience Improvement Program: The project seeks to build resilience in Punjab to natural disasters, as well as support the Government in responding to the floods of 2014. This would include mitigation investments with the purpose to create physical and fiscal resilience as well as increase capacities of institutions mandated to manage disasters. The Project will be implemented over a period of 5 years, and will contain the following components: Component 1: Institutional Capacity Building and Policy Activities include strengthening the capacity of PDMA Punjab to prepare for and respond to natural disasters; capacity building of relevant stakeholders for improved flood management; Development of provincial and district-level DRM plans. Component 2: Resilient Recovery and Mitigation This component would support recovery efforts as well as increase resilience to floods through structural and non structural mitigation investments. Component 3: Fiscal Resilience The interventions to be funded through this component would seek to scale up fiscal risk assessment of Punjab, operationalization of the provincial disaster management fund, and development of risk transfer tools. Component 4: Project Implementation The component would support project implementation through the creation of a Project Management Unit (PMU). It would also fund expenditures related to travel, trainings, workshops, dissemination and M&E activities. Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response Component An additional federal level component may be included at a later stage based on the dialogue. Activities under components 1 and 3 would build upon the prior actions being formulated under the Punjab DPC. Overall credit amount is estimated around USD 125 million and a preparation cost of around USD 350,000 is envisaged. Parallel financing of up to USD 145 million is expected to be provided by the ADB while the Government of Punjab is expected to disburse around USD 180 million through ongoing and planned interventions. Identification completed on 16 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 125.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Balochistan Integrated River Basin Manage:
To improve management of scarce water resources in various river basins of Balochistan in a socially and environmentally sustainable manner. Identification completed on 27 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 0.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) PK: Additional Financing & Restructuring for FATA RLCIP: To improve livelihoods and access to basic service infrastructure in selected Agencies in FATA Identification completed on 26 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 8.6 (PKNF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Regional

Energy and mining

Central Asia South Asia Electricity Transmission and Trade Project (CASA-1000): The objective of the project is to create the conditions for sustainable electricity trade between the Central Asian countries of Tajikistan and Kyrgyz Republic and the South Asian countries of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Approval completed on 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145054. US$ 158.3/368.3/40.0/15.0/250.0/31.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/ARTF/GUSA/ISDB/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) Tel: (92-42) 9920-2229, Contact: Mr. Muhammad Zia-ur-Rehman, Managing Director; Barki Tajik Tel: (992-372) 358-766, E-mail: elrpbt@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Ali Nazarov, Chairman; National Electric Grid of Kyrgyzstan Tel: (996-31) 266-1001, E-mail: nesk@elcat.kg, Contact: Mr. Medetbek Aitkulov, nesk@elcat.kg; Da Afghanistan
Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Governance Support Project for KP FATA and Balochistan: To strengthen the capacity of government departments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), FATA and Balochistan to help support efficient delivery of the PCNA program in KP and FATA and related development programs in Balochistan. Negotiations authorized on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152586. US$ 4.0 (TF). Consulting services to be determined. PCNA Coordinator, E-mail: omer.zkhan@gmail.com, Contact: Omer Khan, PCNA Coordinator KP; PCNA Coordinator FATA, E-mail: pirzahoor@yahoo.com, Contact: Zahoor, PCNA Coordinator FATA.

Transportation

Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project 1: Component 1: Investments in infrastructure, systems and procedures to modernize key selected land ports essential for trade with India and Bhutan (US$65 million). Two greenfield land ports will be developed and at least two existing land ports will be improved/modernized.

Component 2: Customs Modernization and Single Window Development (US$30 million).

Component 3: Institutional Development to enhance cross-sector collaboration for border management, trade and transport facilitation (US$7 million). Fund technical assistance, secretariat and project management support to establish and operate a National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee, a Border Management (Sub)-Committee, and a National Single Window (Sub)-Committee, and to fund the two Project Management Units in Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Commerce, and the project management cells in the implementation agencies.

Component 4: Studies for Connecting Roads/Last Mile Links to Key Land Ports (US$10 million). Many of the existing and greenfield land ports have missing or poor quality connecting roads. This component will prepare feasibility and design studies as well as bidding documents to address these missing links. Studies will include detailed feasibility, design and bidding documents for the connecting roads to Thegamukh Land Port, Hili Land Port, and Ramgarh Land Port among others. Identification completed on 3 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 120.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

(R) Bangladesh Regional Weather and Climate Services Project: The main objective of the proposed project is to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Bangladesh to deliver weather and climate information in priority sectors and to prepare for climate variability and hydro-meteorological disasters. Concept completed on 18 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150220. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Meteorology Department Tel: 88-02-9135742, E-mail: shamsbmd@yahoo.com, Contact: Shamsuddin Ahmed, Deputy Director.

Sri Lanka

Education

Early Childhood Development Project: The objective of the proposed project is to enhance equitable access to and quality of early childhood development (ECD) services in Sri Lanka. In order to enhance the quality of ECD services, the project will put special emphasis on the development of a high quality curriculum framework and learning standards, provision of teaching-learning material, capacity development of ECD professionals, and implementation of a sound monitoring, evaluation and feedback system. The project will support both demand and supply side interventions to help enhance access to ECD, including the expansion of holistic community awareness programs, targeted financial support to low-income families, support to ECD centers to increase the enrollment of poor students and students with special needs, and support for the establishment and upgrading of ECD centers in poor and underserved areas. The project will also involve close interactions with
experts from other global practices in the Bank, especially Social Protection and Health, Nutrition and Population. Identification completed on 18 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

North East Local Services Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Revised Project Development Objective is to support local authorities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces and Adjoining Provinces to deliver services and local infrastructure in a responsive and accountable manner.

The components of the projects are (a) Component A: Infrastructure Service Delivery (original amount is US$ 37.00 Million and the revised amount is US$ 54.40 Million); (b) Component B: Institutionalizing Accountabilities (original amount is US$ 0.25 Million and the revised amount is US$ 0.50 Million); (c) Component C: Building Capacities (original amount is US$ 11.50 Million and revised amount is US$ 12.60 Million); (d) Component D: Assessment & Evaluation (original amount isUS$ 0.25 Million and the revised amount is US$ 0.50 Million); and (e) ComponentE: Project Management (original amount is US$ 1.00 Million and the revised amount is US$ 1.00 Million). Identification completed on 10 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Transport Connectivity and Asset Management Project: The investment project will aim to provide lower cost of transport through reduction in congestion and improvements in road condition as well as better connectivity in the provision of inter urban transport. It supports the overall strategy of developing public transport and managing motorisation.

The projects support the Government strategy outlined in Mahinda Chinthana. The Government has been strongly committed to the widening and rehabilitation of national roads where approx 2%-3% of GDP per annum has been invested in the road sector alone. Whilst the Government has already initiated a Master plan for urban transport with the aim of developing public transport, it is keen to reduce congestion on the road network through minimum widening to compliment the proposed routes for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Furthermore, the Bank is well placed to assist the Government move away from BOQ type contracts and pilot Output and performance based road contracts (OPRC) for the upgrading and maintenance of these roads in its transition to a middle income country.

Given the fiscal constraints faced by the Government that is greatly in need of the development of the identified infrastructure to achive the growth targets, it is extremely keen to develop the Colombo-Kurunegala-Kandy expressway through the participation of the private sector. Assistance of this nature would help the quick preparation, leading to an investment project and also catalyse the development of other infrastructure projects with the assistance of the private sector providing the much needed private investment.

The project components are therefore proposed as follows:

I. Widening, upgrading and maintenance of about 300 km of National Roads(US$ 300 mn). This would pilot OPRC contracts.


III. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$125.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Irrigation & Water Resources Management Tel: (94-11) 268 4710, E-mail: pddswrpp@sltnet.lk.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

LK Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project: The development objectives of the project will be to increase access to sustainable piped water services and sanitation, and to improve hygiene behavior, in selected Districts in the country. Concept completed on 31 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147827. US$ 143.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. National Water Supply and Drainage Board Tel: 94-
11-2635990, E-mail: gm@waterboard.lk, Contact: B W R. Balasuriya, General Manager, Water Board.

LK: AF Dam Safety WRP - Addl Fin.: The Government of Sri Lanka has requested Additional Financing (AF) to: (i) cover cost overruns to complete the original project scope as described in the PAD for P093132; and (ii) scale-up successful project activities and rehabilitate and modernize additional dams, including some dams in the East and North-east of the country that could not be part of the project area under the original project. The main component under the AF will be the original component 1 - Dam Safety and Operational Efficiency Improvement, that may include some rehabilitation works on linked irrigation conveyance systems. Limited activities will be included under the original component 2 - Hydro-meteorological Information System Improvement and Component 3 - Multi-sectoral Water Resources Planning. Component 4 - Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation will continue under the AF. The AF complies with the relevant provisions of OP/13.20 which stipulates that the Bank provides AF when it is satisfied that: (i) implementation of the project, including substantial compliance with legal covenants, is satisfactory; and (ii) the additional financing is economically justified. Approval completed on 5 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148595. US$ 83.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management Tel: (94-11) 267-5315, E-mail: pddswrpp@slt.net.lk, Contact: Chandanie Wijayanwardene, Director General.

Guarantee Operations

Africa

Cote d'Ivoire

Energy and mining

Gazelle Gas Field Development Project: This PRG will cover the obligations of the ivorian power sector to pay for gas produced from the Gazelle field by a private operator, Vioco. Identification completed on 12 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ghana

Energy and mining


Kenya

Energy and mining

KE Electricity Modernization Project: The purpose of the Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) is to serve as a credit enhancement tool to improve the risk profile of KPLC for commercial lenders and support KPLC obtain commercial loans for longer tenors at competitive interest rates. The PCG is currently envisioned to take the form of debt service payment support, first loss guarantee and/or principal repayment guarantee for the extended period of the tenor. Identification completed on 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Mali

Energy and mining

Banda Gas to Power Guarantee: The Gas To
Power Project will use natural gas discovered offshore of Maritania for a power station to be built near Nouakchott. The power will be sold to SOMELEC in Mauritania, SENELEC in Senegal and EDM in Mali using the existing OMVS regional grid. A PRG is required to guarantee gas payments to the procurer Tullow Oil estimated at $104m. Government of Mali needs to provide a counter-guarantee to cover the proportion of the energy that will be exported to EDM estimated at $17m (equivalent to IDA allocation of $4.25m given 1:4 leverage for IDA PRGs). Approval completed on 29 May 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category A.* Project: P145664. US$ 32.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

**Kenie Hydropower Project**: PRG operation in support of the development of the Kenie Hydropower Project in Mali. Identification completed on 21 October 2013. US$ 30.0/70.0 (GUID/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Mauritania**

**Energy and mining**

**MR-Banda Gas to Power Guarantee**: The gas to power project will use natural gas discovered offshore for a power station to be built near Nouakchott. The power will be sold to SOMELEC in Mauritania, Senelec in Senegal and EDM in Mali using the existing OMVS regional grid. Approval completed on 29 May 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category A.* Project: P107940. US$ 130.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy: Tel: (222-46) 431-537, E-mail: kane@acces.mr, kane@hydraulique.gov.mr, Contact: Mamadou Amadou Kane, Directeur General de l’Electricite.

**Nigeria**

**Energy and mining**

**Nigeria Power Sector Guarantees Project**: Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. & Total Elf Petroleum Nigeria Ltd. Joint Venture - Independent Power Project at Obite - OML 58 Overall Project: 1. Capacity: 340 - 440 MW Combined Cycle Gas Turbines (CCGT). 2. Location: OML 58 (operated by the NNPC and TEPNG JV). 3. Fuel: Direct Gas supply from OML 58. 4. Grid export: 330 KV HV transmission line to Onitsha - to be built by PHCN. 5. Power Sale: 20 years PPA with PHCN. 6. Fiscal: AGFA Regime 7. Financing: NNPC/TEPNG/Banks 8. Securitization: Under discussion with the World Bank for a possible PRG to cover the payment risk of PHCN. Status of the IPP (as of July 2009): 1. Land has been acquired and secured at OML58 for the Independent Power Plant (IPP) and domestic gas upgrade projects. The on-site gas will be supplied to the IPP to generate electricity. 2. Construction work on OML58 gas upgrade project has already begun. 3. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the IPP project has been approved by the Federal Ministry of Environment.. 4. Commercial tendering for the Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) contract is underway. 5. High Voltage (HV) transmission line project has been handed over to Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) in February 2009 (as per directives of the Government). 6. Agreement with PHCN on changes to the original development agreement are awaited. 7. Nigerian National Petroleum Corp & Total Elf Petroleum Nigeria Ltd. Joint Venture (NNPC/TEPNL JV) is awaiting PHCN to start work on the HV Line project (with information on investment decision; completion dates; etc) to enable it to reach financial close on the IPP. Development of IPP - next steps to the Final Investment Decision: 1. The development phase of the IPP is targeting Final Investment Decision (FID) date of Feb 2010. 2. EPC commercial offers have are being received in early September 2009. 3. Confirmation of the fiscal regime is needed from Federal Ministry of Finance 4. Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) tariff negotiations with NNPC and PHCN will start end of September 2009. NERC’s approval of the tariff will be sought once the tariff has been negotiated. 5. Confirmation from PHCN of the FID and completion dates of the HV line are needed to set the respective dates for FID and completion date of the IPP. 6. IPP Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) is expected to be secured by February 2010. 7. External financing is expected to be confirmed by February 2010. 8. Final investment decision (FID) by NNPC/TEPNG JV is expected by February 2010 - investment decision for the HV line must occur at the same time. Securitization Agree-
A Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) is proposed to secure the PPA payments from PHCN - to ensure IPP project bankability.

- **MIGA Guarantee** to be considered to compensate in the event of early termination.

**Timeline for IPP**:

1. **Pre-Development phase**: Interim Letter Agreement was signed on 26th January, 2007.
2. **Development phase**: A number of activities were conducted till July 2009, as follows:
   - EPC request for offers.
   - EPC Prices.
   - EPC Award.
   - HV Line transfer.
   - PPA Tariff Negotiations.
   - Discussions on Securization.
   - Discussions with Banks.
3. **FID Date of February 2010**: Following milestones are expected to be achieved, subject to the achievement of financial close on the HV transmission line by PHCN:
   - Signature PPA.
   - Securization.
   - Financing.
4. **Construction phase**: Construction activities are expected from March 2010 to December 2011.
5. **Commissioning phase**: Following timeline is expected, subject to the availability of HV line:
   - First Gas Turbine Synchronization by December 2011.
   - Second Gas Turbine Synchronization by February 2012.
   - Commercial Operation Date (COD) by October 2012.
6. **Signed PPA** to be in force for 20 years beyond COD.

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**Energy and mining**

**Nigeria Electricity and Gas Improvement**

**Project Additional Financing**: Additional financing to the Nigeria Electricituy and gas improvement project to cover additional PRGs for Gas supply to government owned power plants, in particular the Sapele, Olorunsogo and Alaoji plants held by the NIGER DELTA POWER HOLDING COMPANY. The NDPHC is scheduled to commission power generation units in three of the NIPP plants at Sapele, Olorunsogo and Alaoji. The units to be commissioned will have a combined initial generation capacity of 575 MW. The 3 plants will have a final generation capacity of 1,974 MW upon completion. These plants urgently require executed Gas Sales Supply Agreements (GSAs) with prospective gas suppliers and IOCs who have emphasized the need for a payment guarantees to enter into long term supply agreements for the fuel deliveries. In accordance with World Bank PRG guidelines, the Federal Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria is required to nominate parties with whom the World Bank can enter into negotiations on PRGs. Therefore, I am writing to request that the World Bank extends the coverage of NEGIP to include NDPHC’s NIPP plants and to nominate the NDPHC as a party with whom the World Bank can enter into formal negotiations on the potential provision of PRGs for the individual projects.

Approval completed on 19 June 2012. *Environmental Assessment Category B*. Project: P126190. US$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Power Holding Company of Nigeria Tel: (234-9) 413-6684, E-mail: maganiyu@nepapmu.org, Contact: Mansuru A. Ganiyu, Project Manager.

**Regional**

**3A-Ruzizi Hydropower Partial Risk Guarantee**:

The Ruzizi III hydropower project, 147MW is sponsored by the Energy Commission of the Great Lakes Countries (DRC, Rwanda and Burundi), in short “EGL”, and includes the construction of the dam, tunnel, power station and the transmission line to a switchyard. The project will be developed in the form of a public-private partnership supported by donors including the World Bank, AfDB, and DBSA. The World Bank would provide a Partial Risk Guarantee to support private sector investors to develop the Ruzizi hydropower project. Identification completed on 15 October 2013. *Environmental Assessment Category B*. US$ 60.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Senegal**

**Energy and mining**

**Senegal Taiba Ndiaye Independent Power Producer Project**: The project development objective is to increase electricity generation at a lower marginal cost through Independent Power Producer investments in Senegal. The immediate Project beneficiaries are current and prospective commercial and household electricity consumers --including the
poor, women and girls, who face unreliable service due to supply limitations, high cost, and access constraints. Additional power generated by the project will help increase productivity and spur economic growth among these beneficiaries. The GoS is also a key beneficiary since the proposed IPP will save Senegal tens of millions of dollars in annual fuel costs alone by displacing the emergency diesel projects. The proposed IPPs would also reduce the need for more public resources for investment in power generation, enabling more funds to be deployed for poverty alleviation and other social needs. Approval completed on 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143605. US$ 40.0/92.0/28.0 (GUID/ZMUL/ZPCI). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

**Senegal Banda Gas to Power Guarantee:** This PRG is linked to the Mauritania Gas to Power PRG, which is under preparation. The overall value of the PRG is estimated at $104m for Mauritania, Senegal and Mali, of which the Senegal part would be approximately $51m, to cover the share of gas payments to Tullow Oil corresponding to energy exports to Senelec. Approval completed on 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145657. US$ 99.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

**(N) SN - Solar Energy Development thru IPPs:** In the spirit of ‘Scaling up Solar’ initiative developed by IFC, the Project will support Solar Energy Development in Senegal through IPPs selected competitively and transparently on the basis of the lowest price per kWh. In order to attract interest from major international developers, minimize transaction costs and uncertainties with regard to contract negotiations and finance mobilization, the bidding package will include draft legal agreements (PPAs, and concession agreements) as well as a financing package (term sheet of loans, risk mitigation instruments including proposed Bank guarantee...). Identification completed on 8 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Sierra Leone**

**Energy and mining**

**SL: Western Area Power Generation Project:** In May 2014 the Government of Sierra Leone requested IDA for a guarantee for the proposed Western Area Power Generation Project (WAPGP) to be developed as an independent power producer selling to electricity the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority (EDSA).

WAPGP is part of the Government’s plan for private sector participation in the generation subsector to meet electricity demand. The Project is proposed as a 128 MW Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) fired power plant to be located on an existing industrial site about 4 km outside Freetown. The Project is to be constructed in phases over three to four years, of which the first phase is 50MW. Approval completed on 12 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Tanzania**

**Energy and mining**

**Tanzania Singida Wind Power Project:** The Government of Tanzania (GOT) intends to develop the 100MW Singida Wind Project in Northern Tanzania in form of a Public Private Partnership. The current lead investor of this Project is a consortium of private local firms and Aldwych International PLC, of the UK ("Wind EA"). Wind EA intends to conclude a 25 year Power Purchase Agreement with the state owned utility TANESCO. The Project encompasses the construction and operation of a 100MW Windpark east of the town of Singida. Financing of this power generation project is expected to be through private sponsors’ equity contributions (about 20% of Project costs) and commercial/multilateral debt facilities. GOT has requested the World Bank (IDA) to support the financing of the project with a Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) that would cover commercial lenders to the project. The IDA has offered already the financing of a Transaction Adviser to TANESCO under an existing IDA project and it is expected that TANESCO will select and contract an adviser in the coming months, before TANESCO and the GOT start negotiating major Project
Agreements for this project. This project is currently expected to be structured and prepared in 2011/2012 and could reach financial close in Bank FY 2013. If built, this project would be the first major Wind generation facility in Tanzania and one of the largest facilities in East Africa. Concept completed on 7 July 2011. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* Project: P126432. US$ 100.0/200.0 (GUID/ZPCI). Consultants will be required. Wind EA, Contact: Mark Gammons

**Energy and mining**

**TZ Guarantees for Power Sector Gas Supply Expansion:** The proposed operation consists of providing credit enhancement mechanisms to address the low credit worthiness of the natural gas production and supply, and power sectors in Tanzania. The proposed operation will enable the development and expansion of natural gas fields by private developers in several locations, and independent power generation activities. The proposed instrument will be a series of Partial Risks Guarantees (PRGs) back-stopping liquidity payments under Gas Supply Agreements (GSA) and Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) entered between private sector developers and the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and/or Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO). Identification completed on 25 October 2013. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* US$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: (255-22) 211-9190, E-mail: sblikwile@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Servacius B. Likwelile, Executive Director.

**Uganda**

**Energy and mining**

**IDA Guarantee for Renewable Energy Development Program:** The project will provide for amongst others counterpart risk guarantee to cover the payment risk from Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Approval completed on 18 March 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* Project: P133318. US$ 160.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug, Contact: Hon. Irene Muloni, Minister.

**East Asia And Pacific**

**Myanmar**

**Energy and mining**

**Myingyan Power Generation Project:** AIS - Myingyan Independent Power Producer Project# # The main challenges facing the Myanmar electricity sector can be divided in two time horizons. In the near-term (2013-2015), the main challenges are: (i) to maximize efficiency of power generation, reduce losses in transmission and distribution networks, and reduce electricity shortages; (ii) to improve financial viability of sector enterprises; (iii) to secure affordable funding for capital investments in urgently need power generation. In the medium to longer term, the main challenge facing the energy sector is to secure reliable, affordable and environmentally and socially sustainable energy supply. These challenges are detailed in the Outline of Energy Development Policy, prepared by the Bank and broadly agreed with Myanmar’s National Energy Management Committee in 2013.# # Demand for electricity in Myanmar has grown significantly in recent years. The annual peak load demand reached 1,850 mega-Watts (MW) in 2013, growing on average 7.7 percent per annum in the past five years. During this same time, the electric energy supplied to the national grid grew on average almost 12 percent per annum. Electricity shortages and supply disruptions remain prevalent in the country.# # The World Bank Group (WBG) is responding to the near-term challenges in multiple ways. The Myanmar Electric Power Project was approved in September 2013 and will be financing 110 MW of new generation capacity to be added to the national grid. The project provides technical assistance on designing the National Electrification Plan and preparing a project to implement electrification program, power sector financial viability, and electricity tariffs and subsidies review. The IFC is advising the Ministry of Electric Power to develop a business model for private participation in power generation. The IFC is also reviewing investment prospects in the distribution sector through the Yangon Electricity Supply Board, and in grid and off-grid private power generation projects.# # To continue WBG supports to the Myanmar power sector, this proposed project aims
to facilitate the development of new power generation capacity by the private sector by offering an IDA guarantee to mitigate selected risks facing private sector lenders and investors to Myanmar, and help reduce the cost of electricity supplied by independent power producers (IPP).# # With advisory support from IFC, the Myanmar’s Ministry of Electric Power has launched a competitive tender for the development of the Myingyan Independent Power Producer Project (Myingyan IPP) by the private sector with scheduled commercial operations planned for late 2015. The project cost is expected to be between US$ 250 and 300 million and will be financed mostly by international lenders and investors. To support project development, the Government is in preliminary discussions with the Bank Group on risk mitigation solutions for the project, such as IDA Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) and MIGA guarantees. The availability of WBG risk mitigation solutions is expected to broaden the appeal of the project to a wider group of private lenders and investors, enhance competition in project development, which may result in a lower overall project cost. Specifically the IDAPRG will facilitate the participation of international commercial lenders and provide additional financing alternatives for project developers, in addition to bilateral and multilateral development financial institutions operating in Myanmar. # # The expected PDO is to increase the available electricity generation capacity by the private sector in Myanmar. # # The expected results will be a successful development of a new gas-fired power generation plant by the private sector within specification, schedule and budget. The IDA Guarantee will help mobilize international commercial debt financing for the first internationally tendered private power project in Myanmar. # # The project indirectly helps contribute to the achievement of the WBG twin goals as electricity supplied to the national power grid from the project will also increase quantity and quality of electricity supply, including to low income population, as Myanmar continues to expand access to electricity. While this project does not include connecting new households, it will help produce additional electricity needed for the electrification in Myanmar. The competitive cost of gas-fired CCGT power generation will also reduce pressure of tariff increases for household consumers—or reduce cost for some consumers—which is more proportionally beneficial to low income population. # # The PDO indicators may include: # (i) New installed capacity (MW)# (ii) Electric energy generation (kWh); and# (iii) Amount of private funding mobilized (million US$)# # The intermediate result indicators may include:# (i) Financial close date# (ii) Commercial operations dates (for open cycle and combined cycle)# # The Myingyan IPP Project is expected to include the following components: # a. Power plant: About 250 MW of combined-cycle gas turbine power station. # b. Fuel supply: A gas receiving and liquid fuel storage facility to be located within or near the power plant site. # c. Electricity connection: A power evacuation facility to be connected to an existing 230 kV substation. # d. Water supply: Water pipeline and associated facilities for water pumping from the Irrawaddy River Concept completed on 20 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P151366. US$ 100.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Philippines**

**Energy and mining**

**Philippines Renewable Energy Development** The Philippines Renewable Energy Development (PHED) Project is being prepared as an IBRD partial credit guarantee that will be financed by the Clean Technology Fund. With funding from the CTF, a sovereign guarantee from the Government of the Philippines will not be required. The $44-million from the CTF will be used as call-able cash by a Government program, the Electric Cooperative Partial Credit Guarantee (EPCPG) facility; because it has the status of cash, it may be leveraged many times. EPCPG is an existing, successful program that supports commercial bank lending to electric cooperatives. PHRED will expand the program and extend eligibility for EPCPG support to renewable energy investments in which there is some form of electric cooperative participation, including as a buyer of the output. It is anticipated that PHRED will enable EPCPG to leverage $500-million in additional private investment in the EC sector over the first five years of CTF guarantee coverage.

The Guarantee instrument used in the Philippines Renewable Energy Development Project is a CTF Guarantee, which, while not directly backing credit risks of loans, indirectly supports partial credit guarantees through the Electric Cooperative Partial Credit Guarantee Program. Therefore, for the purpose of SAP, it is coded as Partial Credit out of the
available options of Partial Risk, Partial Credit, or Policy-Based Guarantees. Concept completed on 23 April 2012. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P147646. US$ 44.0 (CCTF). Consultants will be required. LGU Guarantee Corporation Tel: (63-2) 751-8764, E-mail: dengorial@lgugc.com, Contact: Lydia Orial, President and CEO.

**Solomon Islands**

**Energy and mining**

Tina River Hydropower Development Project: The proposed project would consist of a 15 MW hydropower plant located on the Tina River, east of Honiara comprising: (i) a 50m-high roller-compacted-concrete (RCC) dam located in a narrow gorge on the Tina river; (ii) a 3.3km headrace tunnel, 3 m in diameter, to convey water from the dam to the power station; (iii) a powerhouse about 3-4 km downstream from the dam site that will house 3x5 MW Francis turbine machines; (iv) 2 parallel (on separate towers) 33kV single circuit transmission lines connecting the power station to the existing Lungga diesel power station; and (v) access roads; and other ancillary facilities. Financing requirements are currently estimated at around US$120 million. The feasibility studies were substantially completed in March 2014 and include confirmation of a viable site, preparation of preliminary designs for the project and a full safeguards scoping assessment. The project, except the access roads will be implemented by a company to be set up by a private developer to be selected![](image)

**Albania**

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

Albania Public Finance PBG: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 4 February 2014. US$ 250.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: (355) 69 207-4196, E-mail: eluci@minfin.gov.al.

**Croatia**

**Finance**

Croatia Export Financing Guarantee Operation: The main project development objective is to support HBOR’s move towards market-based funding, through a Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG). Secondary objective include supporting investment projects in Croatia by providing medium and long-term funding. The design of the instrument underlying the proposed IBRD guarantee is driven by the HBOR’s debt management objectives and the expected on-lending operations that will be catalyzed. The structure should allow the borrower to secure the much-needed financing at reasonable costs, while also minimizing transaction risk in a climate of volatility. In addition, the volume targeted should be matched against HBOR’s ability to deliver on-lending quickly and efficiently, in order to minimize any potential negative carry costs, associated with disbursing the funding early and earning marginal returns while eligible project lending is organized. Approval completed on 27 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P133471. US$ 256.4 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development Tel: (385-1) 459-1586, E-mail: bberkovic@hbor.hr, Contact: B. Berkovic

**Kosovo**

**Energy and mining**

Kosovo Power Project: IDA partial risk guarantee in support of a private sector independent power producer and lignite mining company, to be selected under the Lignite Power TA Project (P097635). Concept completed on 4 August 2011. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P118287. US$
Moldova

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Moldova District Heating Efficiency Improvement Partial Credit Guarantee: The objective of the proposed project is to improve the operational efficiency and commercial viability of the district heating (DH) services in Chisinau. This component is Component 2: Debt restructuring and financing of debt repayment (IDA Partial Credit Guarantee: US $40 million, IDA allocation: US$ 10 million). This component will support the Government in preparing a debt restructuring plan and provide a guarantee for credit enhancement on Moldova Sovereign or new integrated company borrowing. Such credit enhancement would be essential to raising commercial financing on terms that would allow repayment of the debt stock on a sustainable, long-term basis to limit the financial burden of the restructuring on Chisinau residents and Moldova. For a new entity such as the integrated company, a structured Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) from the Bank would also help it start establishing credit on the loan and capital markets. Using an IDA PCG is expected to leverage Moldova’s IDA capital envelope. The partial nature of the PCG provides for risk sharing with the market while offering comprehensive risk cover for a specified component of the financing. Depending on market conditions, a PCG cover of 30-50% of debt service cash flows (principal + interest) may be sufficient to considerably improve the available financing terms. This means that a $10 million tranche of IDA country allocation used as a $40m Bank PCG could help raise $80-120 million of financing from commercial sources. Currently, Partial Credit Guarantees (PCGs) are only available for IBRD countries. OPCS, in consultation with CFP/SDN and other corporate and regional units is developing a revised policy package which will introduce the PCGs in IDA countries. Such proposals have been discussed at CODE and have received positive response from all stakeholders. It is expected that the revised Guarantee policy paper and associated OP/BPs for the use of IBRD and IDA Guarantees would be presented to CODE in December 2012, and to the Board in Q3FY13. It should be noted that only 25% of guarantee exposure would be counted against the country exposure limit - such leverage for IDA guarantees was approved in 2004. Therefore, for the proposed IDA PCG operation of $40 million, only $10 million would be counted against the country limit. Concept completed on 1 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143870. US$ 80.0/138.0 (GUAR/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy Tel: (373-22) 250-554, E-mail: vadim.ceban@mec.gov.md.

Turkey

Finance

Long Term Finance Guarantee: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve access to longer term finance for micro, small and medium enterprises and export oriented enterprises.

A Guarantee to Halkbank to raise market financing to directly lend to MSMEs and EOEs. Appraisal completed on 4 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P148858. US$ 400.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Halk Bank Tel: (90-312) 289-1780, E-mail: recep.gulec@halkbank.com.tr.

Middle East And North Africa

Jordan

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Red Sea-Dead Sea Phase 1: Identification completed on 6 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Lebanon

Energy and mining

Partial Risk Guarantee: Floating Storage & Regasification Unit Project: The proposed operation consists of providing a credit enhancement mechanism to address the low credit worthiness of the power sector, to support the development of a floating regasification and storage unit (FRSU) to
enable the import of LNG into Lebanon. The proposed instrument will be a Partial Risks Guarantee (PRG) back-stopping liquidity payments under a Terminal Use Agreement (TUA) entered between GoL and the FSRU project developer/owner/operator. Identification completed on 8 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 60.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**South Asia**

**Nepal**

**Energy and mining**

**UT1 - Upper Trishuli Hydro Project:** The project will develop a partial risk guarantee product to support private sector investment in a 216 MW greenfield run-of-river hydro project for domestic power consumption in Nepal. Identification completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 80.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Pakistan**

**Energy and mining**

**IDA Partial Credit Guarantee for Dasu Hydro power Phase-I Project:** The proposed Project would support the Government of Pakistan's efforts to (a) facilitate the expansion of electricity supply of hydro-power in Pakistan; (b) improve access to socio-economic services for local communities in the project area; and (c) build Water and Power Development Authority's (WAPDA) capacity to develop Pakistan's vast hydropower potential. The project would support: (a) construction of a main structure on the Indus River; (b) construction of two power tunnels, a power house and installation of turbines and generators of 2,160 MW installed capacity to generate over 12,000 GWh of annual clean energy; (c) preparatory work such as access roads, offices etc. ; (d) construction of a transmission line for evacuation of power; (e) implementation of social and environmental management plans, monitoring of the river, floods, and sediment; (f) construction supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the Project; and (g) project management support and capacity building of WAPDA. Based on the financing strategy for Dasu HPP, a first IDA credit of US$576.6 million (SDRs 371.9 million equivalent) is proposed for project start up and an IDA partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) of US$460 million from IDA16. In addition to the IDA Credit of US$576.6 million, an IDA Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) of US$460 million, approval of which is being sought from the Board, would be used for extending the maturity of commercial loan for the civil works contracts. This PCG would cover Component A (US$1,479.7 million) and Component B (US$1,397.8 million). Conditions and covenants for IDA Partial Credit Guarantee for commercial financing would be agreed with WAPDA when the guarantee related agreements are finalized with financiers. Approval completed on 10 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 460.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.