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**Thematic Ad-hoc Group 2 (TAG2)
Support to hydraulic works development, disaster control,
and rural water supply**

WORK PLAN 2004-2006

1. Background

As a part of the International Support Group (ISG), TAG2 is established to perform its functions, which are to review and examine specific technical topics identified by the Steering Board and the Plenary Meeting. Immediately, the Work Plan 2004 of TAG2 will focus on supporting a review in order to select and formulate a preliminary Terms of Reference (ToR) for the investment sub-projects that need Technical Assistance support in the area of irrigation, especially relating to such issues as water supply, irrigation, flood control, and rural water supply for several Central provinces in accordance with the Irrigation Development Strategy of the agriculture and rural development sector to 2010, and the Comprehensive Poverty Reduction and Growth Strategy (CPRGS) of the Government.

TAG2 Work Plan 2004 - 2006 will response to several objectives and scope of the TAG2 as specified in the TAG2 Terms of Reference (ToR) which was approved by MARD and donors as members of the ISG Steering Board on 30 June 2003, particularly including:

- i. Support ISG Secretariat and the International Cooperation Department (ICD) to facilitate and strengthen policy dialogues and coordination of MARD projects/programmes with donors, relevant ministries, agencies, provinces and departments under MARD with a view to attain the important objectives specified in the ToR.
- ii. Coordinate with ISG Secretariat to update information relating to orientations for irrigation development to 2010, issues relating to the implementation of strategic priorities on Dams and Development as mentioned in the Report by the World Commission of Dams (WCD) 2002, to update information regarding the formulation of TA and loan projects in the areas of irrigation, flood control and rural water supply.
- iii. Coordinate with donors, ministries, agencies and localities in formulating, supervising the preparation of investment projects in the area of irrigation.

2. Action Programme

According to the TAG2 ToR, TAG2 will develop an action programme 2004-2006 for the Group as follows:

Table 1.

<p>Objective of TAG2:</p> <p>To strengthen the ownership and capacity of MARD in the formulation of investment projects, TA and loan projects and to effectively utilize external resources (ODA) for the development irrigation system, disaster control and rural waster supply. To evaluate the efficiency of several Dams in service of irrigation, drainage, flood control, and water supply.</p>

TAG 2 Proposed activities for 2004 - 2006

Timeframe	Outputs	Activities	Implemented by
1/2004 – 12/2006	A. A set of criteria for selecting projects in the development of irrigation and water services in rural areas.		
1-6/2004	A1. A set of criteria for 6 Central provinces (with reference to the on-going activities of ADB)		
1-3/2004	A1.1. A report on the need for investment of each of the 6 selected provinces	- Study on needs for investment in irrigation development projects for the provinces	A Technical working group (TWG) (comprising of ICD, Department of Planning, ISG, Department of Water Resources, DDMFC, donors, and to be assisted by 01 international consultant and 01 national consultant)
4/2004	A1.2. A Table of priorities in the development of irrigation and rural water services	- Collect data, select appropriate documents and compare them with the priorities at national, sectoral and sub-sector levels; - Select the priorities specified in the CPRGS, linking them with development of irrigation systems such as water supply for irrigation, flood control and rural water supply; - Combine them with the priorities in the development strategy of the	TWG

		agriculture and rural development sector; - Link the above priorities to the sector's irrigation development strategy to 2010	
5 - 6/2004	A1.3. A handbook on criteria for selecting projects in the development of irrigation and rural water services	- Formulate a set of criteria. Invite relevant agencies to dialogue on the development policies and plans of the sector, localities, and discuss selection criteria; - Unify the project selection criteria	TWG With comments from: all related agencies in and out of the sector
4-6/2004	A1.4. List of projects that need investment or study for 18 Central provinces	- Complete the list of projects that need investment or study of the six provinces, considered in the ADB-funded Central Region Water Resources Project (TA4001-VIE), and belong to the list of subprojects proposed in the Irrigation Development Strategy Report (TA3528) formulated by ADB in 2001; -Review hydraulic works relating to irrigation, flood control, and rural water supply in the Central a part from the 6 mentioned provinces; - Update and share information with interested donors through ISG; - Dialogue with donors to seek funds for the activities;	TA4001-VIE TWG ISG ICD, Department of Planning
7-11/2004	A1.5. Preliminary Terms of Reference for investment projects committed by donors to provide funds for the 6 provinces	- Present the priorities projects to donors - Plan to formulate TA projects for the selected projects for 2005 - Update information on the projects	ICD, Department of Planning, localities and donors ICD, ISG
12/2004	A1.6. Selection of priority projects	- Make a consensus with donors on the projects to be implemented	ICD, Department of Planning, and donors
7-12/2004	A2. A set of criteria for the six remaining Central provinces	Similar to the above steps	
1/2005-12/2006	A3. A set of criteria for all the provinces nation-wide	Similar to the above steps; synthesize and revise the available set of criteria	
2005	B. A report on the current situation, efficiency and environmental, socio-economic impacts of several dams for irrigation, flood control, and rural water supply in some Central provinces	- Select hydraulic works to be evaluated - Hold dialogue with Dams and Development Project (DDP) under the Environment Programme of the United Nations	ICD, Dams and Development Project, and technical units/agencies

3. Information Exchange

i. Available documents

- The CPRGS approved by the Government;
- Irrigation Development Strategy to 2010 developed by Department of Hydraulic Works and Water Resources Management (now Department of Water Resources) in March 2000;
- TA Report on strengthening management capacity for the water sector (TA-3528) by Halliburton KBR Co. and the Institute of Water Resources Planning in March 2002;
- The Socio-economic development strategy of Central provinces (report by each province);
- Planning for Irrigation Development in Central provinces (DARDs);
- Report of the Workshop on Water Rights held by ADB in collaboration with INWENT and other international organizations in February 2003;
- The Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Strategy approved by the Government in August 2003;
- Irrigation development projects funded by international organizations and bilateral donors nation-wide.

ii. Database and management information system

ISG Secretariat, MARD and TAG2 will collaborate to update management information regarding the ongoing activities, including:

- Information structure construction;
- Summary and provision of information relating to irrigation development activities for ISG to update to the database;
- Translate and update information for the database;
- Regular maintenance and improvement.

4. Policy dialogue

TAG2 will hold dialogues with the Government relevant agencies and donors regarding policies and strategies for development of irrigation systems, with particular attention paid to the objectives specified in the ToR of TAG2. This will be to increase the mutual understanding and awareness of partners on the importance of and need for support from donors towards the development of irrigation systems with linkages to water rights, ensuring water supply for agriculture, stabilizing food security, ensuring security for works to make sure that they are good for flood control and rural water supply, contributing to improved livelihood of rural people.

Types of dialogues:

- Meetings, discussions, and dialogues with relevant agencies /provinces or donors;

- Collect information, analyze and put forward recommendations for revising activities to make sure that they progress in accordance with the out-set objectives.

Results of dialogues on policies and strategies as well a recommendations by TAG2 will be reported to ISG Steering Board, MARD and other appropriate donors.

5. Estimated TAG2 Budget, 2004-2006

- Budget for TAG2 operation: ???USD

Budget for routine activities of TAG2 will be covered by ISG budget, committed by donors annually. Budget for TAG2 is: ???USD

- Proposed budget for activities specified in the work plan is: ??? USD, including costs for ToR formulation, figures gathering, report writing and organization of workshops for collecting comments from related stakeholders.

- Budget for organization of dialogues and thematic meetings:

3 meetings per year x 3 years x 2.000 USD/meeting = 18.000 USD

- Proposed budget for 2004

- Budget for TAG 2 operation will be covered by budget from ISG (in accordance with the Guild-lines on the Management and Utilization of ISG Trust Fund).
- Budget for carrying out the activities and writing reports should be considered and funded by donors

Table 2: Estimated TAG2 Budget, 2004-2006

No.	Items	2004	2005	2006
1	TAG 2 Operation			
2	Evaluation studies			
3	TAG 2 meetings			
4	Information Management			
	Total			

TAG2 Work Plan 2004 (for discussion)

Timeframe	Main activities	Resources
1/2004	- Establish a TWG - Study on needs for investment in irrigation development projects for the Central provinces	Technical Working Group comprising of ICD, Department of Planning, Department of Water Resources, DDMFC, donors and consultants
2/2004	- Develop a set of criteria	TWG, donors, provinces
3/2004	- TAG2 to meet to agree to project selection criteria, and inform the provinces	ICD, DP, donors, TWG
4-5/2004	- Review the projects and select several projects with high feasibility - Hold dialogue with the provinces to agree to the list of projects selected	ICD, DP, donors, TWG, provinces
6/2004	- Put forward a list of subprojects - Submit to ISG Steering Board at its meeting	ICD, DP, donors
7-11/2004	Develop preliminary ToRs for investment projects, which should clarify objectives of the investment projects, specific activities, implementation locations, outputs of the projects, recommendations for fund allocation and a mechanism for implementation arrangement	TWG, donors, provinces
9/2004	TAG2 to meet to present results, discuss and agree to the list of projects, and ToRs	ICD, DP, donors, TWG
12 /2004	Make a consensus with donors on the projects that need support for implementation and put them into the list of MARD projects	ISG, donors