

Assignment Name: <b>TA 7790: Enhancing Project Readiness and Effectiveness</b>	Country: Cambodia
Location within country: Phnom Penh	Total No. of staff-months of the assignment: 1.5 Months
Name of Client: Asian Development Bank	No. of professional staff : 1
Start date (month/year): 17/10/2011	Completion date (month/year): 13/01/2012
Name of senior professional staff of your consulting firm/organization involved and designation and/or functions performed (e.g. Dr Michael Daplyn, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	
<p><b>Description of Project:</b></p> <p>Strong M&amp;E systems are critical to improve monitoring of the impact and results of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for Cambodia, the usefulness of Sector Results Monitoring Matrices (SRMMs) as well as to improve implementation of individual projects. Yet, Annual Country Portfolio Review Missions (CPRMs) have identified M&amp;E as needing further strengthening. Projects that fail to meet minimum standards of M&amp;E at the project level undermine efforts to monitor the performance at the CPS-level.</p> <p>The assignment has two main purposes: (i) to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the performance monitoring systems at project level; and (ii) to update SRMMs, in accordance with ADB's operational guidelines. In order to support the RGC in improving development effectiveness and results-orientation, ADB's Cambodia Resident Mission (CARM) is carrying out a study with a view to assess progress and formulate recommendations for improvement. ADB seeks a consultant for this study, which is expected to be an important input to the 2012 CPRM.</p>	
<p>Description of actual services provided by your staff within the assignment:</p> <p>WiC is working in close cooperation with staff of the CARM PAU, the Consultant will, amongst others</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assessment of the Performance Monitoring System at Project Level. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) review background documentations such as Report and Recommendation of the President (RRPs), Project Administration Manuals (PAMs), aide memoires, Back-To-Office Reports (BTORs), Quarterly Progress Reports, etc.);</li> <li>(b) assess the availability of core M&amp;E competencies within the EAs and how they are applied to meet the reporting requirements;</li> <li>(c) assess the effectiveness of the institutional arrangements for project M&amp;E data collection, analysis and reporting, including how well project M&amp;E systems are integrated with line ministry M&amp;E systems;</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

(d) Ascertain the relevance of indicators and the M&E frameworks as a whole; (e) rate each project on a rating scale according to the effectiveness of its M&E framework; (f) assess the availability of data for monitoring project indicators, the appropriateness of data sources, II. Update of SRMMs

(a) ascertain to what extent intended key Project Objectives (POs), outputs and related indicators are aligned SRMMs;

(b) review and update seven SRMMs and to verify or obtain baseline, progress, target data and data sources for SRMM outcome and output indicators;

(c) examine the alignment of SRMMs with NSDP indicators and to recommend solutions to address weaknesses in the SRMMs; and

(d) Provide recommendations on all aspects under (a) to (c).

III. Draft and final background report on findings for all chosen projects in this exercise including a discussion on how to strengthen M&E systems on project-by-project basis;