

September 2, 2011

**Reply of ADB on the Approval by Mail: Bangladesh - Climate Resilient Infrastructure Improvement in Coastal Zone Project**

**1. Response to Comments from Brazil**

Many thanks for the comments. Following tables shows the detailed budget with full description of activities:

**COST ESTIMATES AND FINANCING PLAN**  
(\$'000)

Item	Total Cost
<b>A. Strategic Climate Fund<sup>a</sup></b>	
1. Consultants	
a. Remuneration and Per Diem	
i. International Consultants	240.0
Number of Person-months: 11	
ii. National Consultants	200.0
Number of Person-months: 42	
b. International and Local Travel	50.0
c. Reports and Communications	5.0
2. Equipment <sup>b</sup>	10.0
3. Workshops, Training / Seminars & Conferences <sup>c</sup>	10.0
4. Surveys	15.0
5. Miscellaneous Administration and Support Costs	10.0
6. Contingencies	60.0
<b>Subtotal (A)</b>	<b>600.0</b>
<b>B. Government Financing</b>	
1. Office Accommodation and Transport	30.0
2. Remuneration and Per Diem of Counterpart Staff	15.0
3. Facilities for Workshops and Meetings	20.0
4. Survey and Database	35.0
<b>Subtotal (B)</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>700.0</b>

<sup>a</sup> Under the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience and administered by the Asian Development Bank.

<sup>b</sup> Equipment includes 4 computers, 2 printers, 1 photocopier, 3 air conditioners, and 1 facsimile machine estimated at \$10,000.

<sup>c</sup> Workshops, Training/Seminars & Conferences includes 4 regional and 2 national stakeholders consultation/workshops estimated at \$ 10,000.

## **2. Response to UK comments**

We appreciate UK's approval of the grant.

## **3. Response to Comments from Germany**

We appreciate the support from Germany. We have noted the comments and these will be addressed during PPTA implementation. We will ensure a close cooperation of development partners and the government of Bangladesh in implementing the PPTA. As suggested by Germany, during PPTA implementation, we will give greater attention to identifying opportunities for women in climate resilient rural infrastructure planning and design. The opportunities and engagement of women in climate resilient rural infrastructure will be incorporated in the gender action plan. The PPTA will have a Knowledge Management Specialist to conduct a need assessment of knowledge management activities. This specialist will review and assess current system of information and data analysis and management in LGED and identify the information and capacity gaps and knowledge needs for the design of a knowledge management program. Engagement with the private sector will also be a key activity of the PPTA in designing the interventions and knowledge management program. We are aware of German Bilateral Cooperation in coastal areas. We will closely coordinate with Germany in implementing the project to avoid overlap with existing and upcoming bilateral projects. We look forward to work with KfW for possible financial cooperation for the ensuing project.

## **4. Response to comments from Japan**

We appreciate the support of JICA. JICA has tremendously contributed to rural infrastructure development of Bangladesh including developing technical standard for disaster resilient road design and water resources related infrastructure. The new project under PPCR will benefit from lessons learned and experience gained by JICA's completed and ongoing projects. ADB will closely coordinate with JICA in implementing the PPTA. Many thanks for sharing with us your climate finance impact tool to evaluate climate vulnerability and formulate adaptation projects. PPTA while designing the new project will benefit from these excellent tools already developed by JICA. The PPTA will come out with appropriate methodologies for climate resilient rural infrastructure in coastal areas of Bangladesh. We will share the PPTA findings with the development partners including JICA, and also with other stakeholders.