



## China, People's Republic of: Chongqing Vocational Training Information Management Platform Development

Project Name	Chongqing Vocational Training Information Management Platform Development		
Project Number	47035-001		
Country	China, People's Republic of		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	<b>TA 8646-PRC: Chongqing Vocational Training Information Management Platform Development</b>		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 400,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	<b>Education</b> - Technical and vocational education and training		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements		
Description	The TA aims to strengthen capacity for planning and management of vocational training and subsidies provided for it in Chongqing Municipality through development of a unified information management platform for vocational training which will be integrated with labor and social security information systems. The impact of the TA will be enhanced equity, effectiveness, and efficiency of vocational training and subsidies provided for it in Chongqing. The outcome of the TA will be improved planning and management system of vocational training and subsidies provided for it. The TA will have the following two outputs: (i) strengthened capacity for planning and management of vocational training and subsidies provided for it; and (ii) dissemination of the knowledge to develop information management platform for vocational training.		

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

The People's Republic of China (PRC) assigns high priority to vocational training as a principal measure to (i) improve skills of workforce, (ii) promote equal opportunity for quality employment, (iii) enhance innovation capacity and competitiveness of enterprises, and (iv) accelerate structural shifts in the economy and the process of industrialization and urbanization. The PRC Government has been playing an active role in improving the vocational training system to respond to diversified needs. In order to encourage all working-age population to receive vocational training, the government provides subsidies for vocational training institutions and trainees. These subsidies have been combined with measures to improve quality and effectiveness of vocational training such as, strengthening quality assurance mechanisms for vocational training institutions, occupational skills assessment and certification system, and public employment services. Allocation of vocational training subsidies has been linked to the results of quality assessment of training institutions, and skills certification or employment of trainees. In order to enhance equity, effectiveness, and efficiency of vocational training and subsidies provided for it, the PRC Government requires the provincial and municipal governments to establish a unified information management platform for vocational training which is integrated with labor and social security information systems within the framework of the national Golden Social Security Project. The unified information management platform for vocational training would be designed to improve transparency and efficiency of allocation and use of vocational training subsidies by allowing dynamic management of vocational training institutions and training courses, real-name management of trainees to prevent multiple allocation of subsidies to the same trainees, and improved planning of vocational training responding to the needs of local economy and enterprises.

The Chongqing Municipal Government (CMG) vocational training subsidies are targeted at the following four categories of people: the unemployed, migrant workers, university and college graduates, and junior and senior secondary graduates who failed to gain higher education. There are currently 56 technical schools directly supervised by the Bureau of Human Resources and Social Security (BHRSS), in addition to a number of private vocational training institutions, and 113 public employment and human resource service centers in Chongqing. In 2011, 0.17 million and 0.85 million people benefited from vocational training offered by public technical schools and private institutions respectively, which increased to 0.19 million and 1.13 million, respectively, in 2012. The procedures for application, approval, transfer, and management of vocational training subsidies vary across districts and counties, and the allocation and use of vocational training subsidies have been far from transparent and efficient. Currently, there is no means to verify and ensure whether vocational training subsidies reached the targeted population. Within the framework of the Golden Social Security Project, the CMG plans to develop a unified information management platform for vocational training designed to enhance equity, efficiency, and effectiveness of vocational training and subsidies. It has successfully completed Phase I of the Project in 2012, with the establishment of social security card system. The purpose of the proposed TA is (i) to support the development of a unified information management platform for vocational training which will be integrated with the existing social security card system, occupational skills assessment and certification system, and job placement system; and (ii) to generate knowledge useful for other provinces and municipalities.

The TA will support the PRC Government's goal of improving livelihood through development of employment-oriented skills and promotion of equal opportunities for quality employment by enhancing equity, efficiency, and effectiveness of vocational training and related subsidies. The TA is consistent with ADB's PRC country partnership strategy, 2011-2015, one of its pillars being inclusive growth, as it supports expanding livelihood opportunities for the poor. The TA will strengthen the knowledge base for ongoing and upcoming technical and vocational education and training projects, and related components of urban development projects, if any, by sharing good practices of vocational training planning, management and financing, quality assurance, skills assessment and certification, and linkage to public employment services.

Impact	Enhanced equity, effectiveness, and efficiency of vocational training and subsidies provided for it in Chongqing
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## Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Improved planning and management system of vocational training and subsidies provided for it
Progress Toward Outcome	The TA was approved on 12 May 2014 and became effective on 5 Jun 2014. An inception mission was fielded on 22-24 Dec 2014, during which an inception workshop was held where the individual TA consultants presented their preliminary findings and recommendations for the design of the vocational training information management platform. A consultation mission was also fielded on 8-10 April 2015 to review and discuss the preliminary design of the platform.

## Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capacity for planning and management of vocational training and subsidies provided for it strengthened</li> <li>2. Knowledge to develop information management platform on vocational training disseminated</li> </ol>
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>Recruitment of consultants was completed, which comprised of a national consulting firm and individual consultants (1 international and 7 national).</p> <p>The firm developed functional requirement documents and prototype demo of the vocational training information management platform based on need analyses conducted at all the departments of Chongqing BHRSS between Jan and Mar 2015. It was noted that the preliminary design of the platform is generally sound and ready for development. However, there are some issues that need to be discussed with the entities concerned and addressed in the process of development.</p>

Geographical Location

## Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	EA, Congqing Municipal BHRSS, HRSSIC, district and county BHRSS, public and vocational training providers, and other relevant stakeholders were consulted during project design.
During Project Implementation	Consultations with the EA, Chongqing Municipal BHRSS, HRSSIC, and other relevant stakeholders are ongoing and will continue throughout the TA implementation period.

## Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	The TA will engage a consulting firm (national, 46.0 person-months) to provide one functional lead and seven information and communication technology specialists to develop the information management platform. The consulting firm will be selected using quality- and cost-based selection with a quality_cost ratio of 80:20. A national firm can be justified on the grounds that the estimated contract amount is small and unattractive to international firms, and national firms are available in the market for similar information system development. In addition, two international consultants for a total of 3.0 person-months and three national consultants for a total of 9.5 person-months will be engaged on an individual basis to provide expertise in labor and social security policies and systems, vocational training fund management, vocational training quality assurance, and labor forecasting. This will be done in line with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).
Procurement	Procurement, if any, will be in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time). Goods procured will be turned over to the CMBF upon completion of the TA. An advance payment facility will be established at the CMBF for the expense of training and workshops, international study visits, and miscellaneous administrative and support costs. All international study visits will be to ADB member countries. Proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in line with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).

## Responsible Staff

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## Timetable

Concept Clearance	07 Mar 2014
Fact Finding	09 Dec 2013 to 13 Dec 2013
MRM	-
Approval	12 May 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	17 Sep 2015

## TA 8646-PRC

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
12 May 2014	05 Jun 2014	05 Jun 2014	15 Dec 2015	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization	Cumulative Disbursements
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ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
400,000.00	0.00	80,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	480,000.00	12 May 2014	216,886.10

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