



Regional: Civil Society Participation for Development Effectiveness

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Project Number	47213-001																
Country	Regional																
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth																
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development																
Sector / Subsector	Information and communication technology - ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development																
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements																
Description	<p>The impact of the TA will be strengthened development effectiveness resulting from greater CSO engagement. Increasing meaningful engagements among ADB, CSOs, and DMCs in ADB-financed projects will contribute to more projects completed with enhanced development results. Involving more CSOs in ADB-financed projects can help improve development outcomes and sustainability, contributing to fewer project issues and concerns, and more people participating in and benefiting from the development projects.</p> <p>The outcome of the TA will be increased civil society contribution in ADB operations. Meaningful participation will be incorporated in country partnership strategies (CPSs) and project design and implementation. Indicators and targets for achievement are (i) all CPS and relevant sector assessments include civil society participation, increasing from the current baseline of 60% in 2013; (ii) all projects have inclusive stakeholder analysis; (iii) relevant projects have participation plan; and (iv) partnerships developed to expand youth contribution to the achievement of SDGs through ADB programs and projects.</p>																

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

CSOs were formally recognized internationally for the first time as independent development actors in their own right at the Third High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness at Accra in 2008. This was a significant advancement in situating the distinctive contributions of CSOs to development and making them essential partners in the development process. CSO participation in service delivery and advocating for development has contributed to meeting the global development objectives because of (i) the ability of CSOs to use social and mass media to mobilize dialogue and action for their causes, (ii) the extensive international and local reach of CSOs, and (iii) the agility and willingness of CSOs to take advantage of new trends and seek new and innovative ways to alleviate poverty.

ADB's Strategy 2020 identified partnerships as one of the five drivers of change, noting, "Partnerships with international development agencies, multilateral and bilateral institutions, the private sector, NGOs, community-based organizations, and foundations will become central to planning, financing, and implementing ADB operations."

The Independent Evaluation Department of ADB consistently attributes a high value to civil society participation and the continuing need to strengthen and mainstream the participation of CSOs in ADB operations. ADB pursues cooperation with CSOs to (i) incorporate innovations, knowledge, and approaches in ADB services; (ii) strengthen effectiveness in delivering development results; and (iii) ensure sustainability of such results.

CSOs are insufficiently engaged by both ADB and ADB DMCs in development projects. Despite ADB's commitment to improve engagement and partnerships with stakeholders, some of its projects and programs have been subject to criticism from CSOs that have raised issues and concerns. Recent research revealed that about 60% of issues and concerns raised by CSOs on ADB projects were related to inadequate communication and participation. ADB perception surveys show that CSOs consistently rate ADB's performance below the average rating given by other non-CSO stakeholders responding to the survey, demonstrating they are more dissatisfied than these other groups. Moreover, DMCs tend to view CSOs as competitors in development, missing the opportunity to harness innovative, cost-effective, and inclusive practices. These reasons highlight the importance of improving civil society participation in program and project planning, design, and implementation.

The modality through which ADB harnesses NGO engagement depends on the broader context of government-CSO relations and entry points provided by ADB operations. Some of the challenges to facilitating better partnerships with CSOs include the following: (i) DMC clients and ADB staff lack the time, resources, or experience to engage with CSOs during project planning and design; (ii) there is a lack of perceived added value of CSO participation; (iii) insufficient outreach and mechanism to engage CSOs in knowledge sharing events; (iv) inadequate knowledge products and a need to increase consultation and participation activities with CSOs and DMCs; and (v) ADB does not utilize partnerships as effectively as it could.

The TA will address these challenges by mainstreaming and sustaining civil society participation in ADB operations through five outputs: (i) Output 1: innovative knowledge solutions generated and shared through engagement with CSOs and youth using online media, forums, conferences, and ADB's Annual Meeting; (ii) Output 2: expanded partnerships with CSOs to involve innovative youth participation in development; (iii) Output 3: enriched ADB-DMC-CSO relations through interaction and communication on projects, country development issues, and country programming; (iv) increased meaningful participation of civil society in projects and sectors; and (v) empowered and mobilized youth to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

Impact	Strengthened development effectiveness resulting from greater CSO engagement
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Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Increased civil society contribution to ADB operations
Progress Toward Outcome	TA is ongoing.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<p>Innovative knowledge solutions generated and shared through engagement with CSOs and youth using online media, forums, conferences, and ADB's Annual Meeting</p> <p>Expanded partnerships with CSOs to involve innovative youth participation in development</p> <p>Enriched ADB-DMC-CSO relations through interaction and communication on projects, country development issues, and country programming</p> <p>Increased meaningful participation of civil society in projects and sectors</p> <p>Empowered and mobilized youth to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs</p>
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
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Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services The TA will mobilize and engage 12 person-months of individual international consultants and 47 person-months of individual national consultants. All consultants will be selected in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). All procurement will be done in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013 as amended from time to time). CSO anchors, CSO Cooperation Network members, the TA management team, and ADB staff from collaborating CoPs/projects will serve as resource persons for TA activities. Administrative support staff can conduct activities supported by the TA. TA funds may be used to support increased CSO participation in ongoing projects and preparatory TA. Proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time). Progress will be monitored using intended outcomes and outputs described in the design and monitoring framework.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	09 Oct 2013
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	16 Dec 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	31 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
16 Dec 2013	-	16 Dec 2013	31 Dec 2016	30 Sep 2017	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100,000.00	16 Dec 2013	1,609,876.61

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