



Nepal: Far Western Region Urban Development Project

Project Name	Far Western Region Urban Development Project								
Project Number	47252-001								
Country	Nepal								
Project Status	Active								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 8817-NEP: Far Western Region Urban Development Project</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 500,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 8817-NEP: Far Western Region Urban Development (Supplementary)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 1.00 million</td> </tr> </table>	TA 8817-NEP: Far Western Region Urban Development Project		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 500,000.00	TA 8817-NEP: Far Western Region Urban Development (Supplementary)		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development								
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Other urban services - Urban sanitation - Urban solid waste management - Urban water supply								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming								
Description	<p>The TA has 2 components: (A) Preparation of the Regional Urban Development Project (RUDP) for ADB Board consideration in 2017 and (B) Analytical work and preparation of the Integrated Urban and Economic Corridor Investment Program (supplementary scope).</p> <p>Component A: The project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) is required to undertake due diligence to (i) assess improvements required to urban services in select municipalities in the Far Western Region of Nepal (FWRN), and (ii) identify strategic actions to guide the region's urban development and build capacity for operations and maintenance. Phase 1 includes: (i) development of a strategic regional and urban assessment, and Bhimdatta-Jhalari-Pipaladi-Attariya- Dhangadhi corridor development strategy; (ii) development of a strategic infrastructure investment plan; (iii) development of the project scope; (iv) rapid assessments for safeguards compliance; (v) socio-economic analysis; (vi) institutional and financial capacity assessments; (vii) designing the implementation arrangements; (viii) defining the scope of work for the loan consultants; and (ix) assisting the executing agency in recruiting the loan consultants. Phase 2 includes: (i) overseeing the DSC's outputs, and (ii) supporting the executing agency in preparing the loan documents. The PPTA has also been used to prepare second phase of investments in the municipalities of Biratnagar, Birgunj, Nepalgunj and Siddharthanagar, where ongoing ADB financed urban projects are near completion.</p> <p>Component B will be used to prepare an investment program based on economic cluster or corridor approach to promote industrial growth in Nepal. Specific activities will include spatial planning, strategy development and analytical work, preparation of a multi-sector investment plan and policy framework and development of effective coordination, implementation and management arrangements.</p>								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The proposed project and program are aligned with Nepal's Three-Year Plan (FY2014-FY2016) which aims to achieve sustainable, broad-based, inclusive economic growth through improved urban services, among other investment and reform priorities. The Three-Year Plan aims to improve basic services such as water supply, wastewater management and urban transport in large, medium and small urban centers and also promote industry. The proposed investments are also fully aligned with the ADB's Nepal Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) (2013-2017), which focuses on core sectors of urban infrastructure, energy, and transport.								
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Project Outcome

Description of Outcome

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary
Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	<p>Component A: The proposed project will be designed to improve services for all segments of the population with direct benefits for about 300,000 people living in Attariya, Bhimdatta, Jhalari-Pipaladi and Dhangadhi. The project will also indirectly benefit 600,000 people in the Kanchanpur and Kailali Districts. There is a dearth of detailed poverty data for the region, particularly at the city-level. A household socio-economic survey has been undertaken to fill the gap in city-level poverty data and other socioeconomic information, including the prevalence of slums/urban poor settlements. A business survey was also undertaken to understand private sector' investment priorities. The proposed project will have a performance-based grant component for small community infrastructure and awareness campaigns. The municipalities will work closely with low-income communities to design and prioritize the grant component. Four additional municipalities (Birgunj, Biratnagar, Siddharthanagar, and Nepalgunj) are planned to be included in the ensuing project with high degree of readiness. Current loan consultants were used to prepare designs and safeguards documents for these non-FWR municipalities, and undertake consultations.</p> <p>Component B: This is a multi-sector project and consultations with many different agencies at the center and local level will need to be undertaken. In addition, consultations with private sector will be required.</p>
During Project Implementation	<p>The projects will have management committees with representatives from industry, academia, civil society, politics and other interest groups to ensure broad support for the project, and to help improve accountability. Safeguards frameworks and GESI Action Plan will also guide consultation requirements.</p>

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	<p>Component A: Seven individuals comprising 4 international consultants and 3 national consultants (providing 24.5 person-months of input) are being engaged by ADB to undertake the TA in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).</p> <p>Component B: A firm will be engaged using QCBS (21 international person-months; 62 national person-months) to develop a regional land use plan and land pooling strategy, market assessment and investment plan for a selected corridor with high potential for economic growth and planned urbanization.</p>
Procurement	<p>All procurement under the project shall be carried out using ADB's Procurement and Consulting Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time). Advance contracting and retroactive financing will be considered for project implementation and the requirement of various procurement and consulting packages shall be carefully reviewed by ADB during processing. Procurement packaging shall be carried out keeping in mind the scope, nature, market conditions, location of the project, and with due consideration to the economy and efficiency of the bidding processes.</p>

Responsible Staff

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Responsible ADB Division	Urban Development and Water Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	<i>Ministry of Urban Development Singhadurbar, Kathmandu, Nepal</i>

Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-

Approval	16 Dec 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	29 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
16 Dec 2014	12 Jan 2015	12 Jan 2015	31 Mar 2017	31 Mar 2018	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500,000.00	16 Dec 2014	540,378.55

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