

Regional: Piloting a Field-Integrated Review and Standardized Tool for **Involuntary Resettlement**

Project Name	Piloting a Field-Integrated Review and Standardized Tool for Involuntary Resettlement			
Project Number	47297-001			
Country	Regional			
Project Status	Active			
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance			
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8778-REG: Piloting a Field-Integrated Review and Standardized Tool for Involuntary Resettlement			
	Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 500,000.00			
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth			
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions			
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban) Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban water supply			
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements			
Description	The TA will help enhance effectiveness and inclusiveness of ADB-supported projects in the Philippines, Viet Nam, and/or PRC by developing a tool to generate cost-effective and implementable involuntary resettlement safeguard planning documents through the use of the Involuntary Resettlement: Field Integrated Review and Standardized Tool (IR-FIRST). The IR-First tool will be pilotested by participating executing and/or implementing agencies (EAs/IAs). in Philippines, Viet Nam and/or PRC. The use of the IR-First tool is expected to result in resettlement plans and frameworks than can effectively deliver the results of involuntary resettlement safeguards as adopted in the Safety Policy Statement.			
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The proposed technical assistance (TA) seeks to overcome current inefficiencies in the collection, analysis, and storage of land acquisition resettlement data and that many DMCs experience. It will design, develop and pilot-test the IR-FIRST. The tool will be used in ADB projects undergoing preparatory technical assistance in the Philippines, Viet Nam, and/or PRC in 2016. The TA will take advantage of up-to-date electronic ICT tools, or e-tools, as well as geographical information systems (GIS) and mobile devices such as tablets.			
Impact	Effectiveness and inclusiveness of ADB-supported projects enhanced			
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Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs	A master set of standardized involuntary resettlement survey forms and reports and IR-FIRST tool developed Knowledge products and learning tools developed, designed and disseminated		

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues) Output 1

The IR-FIRST Tool with the master set of questionnaires and reporting formats were field-tested at GMS Southern Coastal Corridor Project 2 in Ha Tien District, Kien Giang Province, Viet Nam from 18 to 28 July 2016. The second pilot was implemented at Barangay 159, Tayuman Section of the North South Railway project in Philippines from 25 to 27 October 2016. The pilots indicated that the IR-FIRST Tool has a good functionality and some technical issues identified during the first and second pilot will be rectified for the final version of the IR-FIRST. The final master set of questionnaires and reporting formats are due to be submitted on April 2017 and the final IR-FIRST Tool on May 2017. Output 2

Activities under Output 2 have now commenced upon completion of Output 1.

A workshop Information and Communication Technology in Social Safeguard Surveys was held in Manila on 13 February 2017 where the IR-FIRST Tool and the field testing results were presented and discussed. About 40 staff and representatives from government agencies from the Philippines and Viet Nam attended the event. Discussions focused on TA 8778 which aims to promote electronic surveys in resettlement plan preparation.

Preparation on the E-learning practice manual and frequently asked questions are ongoing. This also includes a feasibility and alternatives assessment report and action plan for adoption of IR-FIRST, including additional funding requirements, development, and functional and support issues. These knowledge products and learning tools are due for submission on April 2017.

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Responsible Staff

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	24 Oct 2014
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	08 Dec 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	21 Apr 2017

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Milestones						
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing			
			Original	Revised	Actual	
08 Dec 2014	-	08 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2016	30 Sep 2017	-	

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbu	rsements
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		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			

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