



China, People's Republic of: Implementing Balanced Urban-Rural Regional Development in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Project Name	Implementing Balanced Urban-Rural Regional Development in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
Project Number	48011-001
Country	China, People's Republic of
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8744-PRC: Implementing Balanced Urban-Rural Regional Development in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 400,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development Public sector management - Economic affairs management
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements
Description	The technical assistance (TA) will develop and propose policies _ and a corresponding implementation action plan for southern XUAR. Specifically, the TA will contribute to XUAR efforts to construct a responsibility system to identify poor counties, village poverty reduction plans, and enterprise development plans. It will seek to demonstrate that historic preservation and retention of cultural heritage and language are not at variance with economic development.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA addresses inclusive growth, one of three strategic pillars defining the CPS. As part of the inclusive growth strategy, the TA will augment the PRC's twinning initiatives whereby more prosperous provinces and municipalities provide assistance to lesser-developed interior regions. (Guangdong, Shenzhen, Shanghai, and Shandong are providing targeted financial contributions to Kashi since 2011 and will continue to 2020.) The TA will examine issues such as balanced rural-urban development (inclusive development), regional connectivity, public service provision and benefits; job creation generated by increased industrialization based on raw materials available locally, agricultural modernization, and agribusiness transformation. The TA will draw on previous and ongoing Asian Development Bank (ADB) knowledge work (e.g. industrial relocation, special economic zones, rural-urban integration, and agricultural logistics and transformation) to avoid duplication. Specifically, it will be implemented in parallel with TA to support preparation of the PRC's 13th Five-Year Plan and regional small-scale policy and advisory TA 8613, Developing an RCS for East Asia.
Impact	Balanced rural-urban economic development in southern XUAR

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Rural and ethnic minority community economic development promoted
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	1_ Prepare and Publish a Ten-year (2016-2026) strategy and implementation plan: Realizing balanced urban and rural, coordinated regional development in Xinjiang 2_ Organize and conduct outreach and TA dissemination/discussion workshops to secure Stakeholder ownership of the strategy and implementation plan
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	ADB will discuss with the Executing Agency and Implementing Agency on the next steps of this TA.
Geographical Location	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
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Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	A TA reconnaissance mission conducted extensive consultations with XUAR officials in Urumqi and with Kashi prefecture officials, local government representatives, and regional business interests in Kashi. These consultations included a thorough review of the concept paper, site visits to logistics centers, special economic zones, agricultural processing facilities, and tourist attractions under development, a date orchard, and an industrial sheep farm. Kyrgyz truck drivers were interviewed to understand the issues they face in crossing borders and a representative of Tajik business interests was consulted to learn about his efforts to promote PRC-Tajikistan trade. A wrap-up meeting was conducted in Kashi involving a cross-section of XUAR, Kashi prefecture and city officials from the Development and Reform Council, Bank of China, and experts in transport, energy, agriculture, and finance.
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During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	It is envisaged that a consulting firm (national or international) will be recruited to assemble a team of experts as described in the outline Terms of Reference attached to carry out the proposed studies. A total of 8 person-months of international and 29 person-months of national consultant inputs will be required to provide policy and advisory services under the TA. The consulting firm will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). The firm will be selected using quality- and cost-based selection procedures (80:20). Outline terms of reference for consultants are in Appendix 3. The proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in line with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).
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Responsible Staff

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	20 Aug 2014
Fact Finding	07 Jul 2014 to 11 Jul 2014
MRM	-
Approval	30 Oct 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	29 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
30 Oct 2014	24 Nov 2014	24 Nov 2014	31 Jan 2016	31 Jul 2017	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	30 Oct 2014	0.00

Request for Information

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