



China, People's Republic of: Strengthening Government and Social Organization Cooperation for Rural Poverty Reduction

Project Name	Strengthening Government and Social Organization Cooperation for Rural Poverty Reduction	
Project Number	48094-001	
Country	China, People's Republic of	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8685-PRC: Strengthening Government and Social Organization Cooperation for Rural Poverty Reduction Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 350,000.00	
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Land-based natural resources management Public sector management - Social protection initiatives	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>The TA aims to strengthen government-Social Organization (SO) cooperation by creating an enabling environment for government contracting, delegation or tasking of rural poverty reduction services to SOs. Specifically, the TA would undertake multi-province surveys, in-depth field interviews and data collection to; (i) review relevant PRC and international experience in SO service contracting; (ii) assess the status, capacity, interest and needs of PRC government poverty reduction agencies and PRC-based SOs to engage in service contracting; (iii) document cases of the skills, approaches and benefits that SOs can bring to rural poverty reduction; and prepare suggested administrative and training guidelines for key local government and SO staff engaged in contracting poverty reduction services; and (iv) draw on these lessons to provide policy recommendations for improved and expanded SO contracting of services in the national rural poverty reduction program. TA findings would be disseminated widely through stakeholder meetings, bi-lingual reports and knowledge products.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The TA directly supports the strategic goals of ADB's Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for the PRC (2012-2015). The CPS calls for strengthening the social inclusion orientation of the country program and its social dimensions through promoting improved provision of social services to address economic and social development challenges. The TA also builds on the findings of ADB's TA4580-PRC: People's Republic of China: NGO-Government Partnerships in Village-Level Poverty Alleviation. This TA explored local government contracting of local and non local SOs to provide poverty reduction services in four counties of Jiangxi Province in the central PRC. A parallel Ford Foundation funded project piloted contracting of local SOs in five sites of four provinces in the western PRC. However, comprehensive national level survey research remains necessary to; (i) take stock of SOs able and interested in contracting for rural poverty reduction services in the 14 Poverty Blocks; and (ii) to inform and support national development of training, selection and management programs for contracted poverty reduction.</p>	
Impact	Government adopts and creates an enabling environment for SOs to contract poverty reduction services and strengthen socio-economic inclusion	

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Increased government interest and ability to address SO needs and capacity in contracted provision of poverty reduction services
Progress Toward Outcome	The Executing Agency is actively advancing project activities in its sphere of operations and participating in research discussion and formulation.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	The outputs from this TA will comprise data collection, analysis and preparation of (i) a bilingual policy brief with main findings, recommendations and dissemination strategy; (ii) a final report on Government Support to Build SO Capacity to Contract Poverty Reduction Program Services with actionable recommendations; (iii) a technical sub-report to the final report assessing Government Poverty Reduction Program Service Contracting by SOs; (iv) a compilation of domestic and international case studies on SO Provision of Contracted Poverty Reduction Services; and (v) associated survey instruments, databases, administrative and training guidelines or manuals to support improved contracting of rural poverty reduction services by SOs.
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	A full-team project kick-off meeting was conducted on 12 November 2014. The team has undertaken initial research and drafted key survey protocols. A full-day Project Inception Meeting was conducted on 20 April 2015 with presentations by all consultants and detailed commentary by two invited academic reviewers. The draft inception Report was subsequently finalized and accepted. Fieldwork and data collection, including for case study compilation, is underway. First round fieldwork is completed and reviewed. Second round fieldwork to inform training resource development is underway. A Project Mid Term Review Meeting was conducted on 30 June, 2016 to review initial findings, recommendations, guidelines and the draft training manual. Project reports were submitted and discussed in the Project Completion Workshop, convened on 27 August, 2016.
Geographical Location	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	The project design is under close consultation with the EA, other agencies and groups concerned.
During Project Implementation	Close consultation maintained, including through workshops, meetings and site-based fieldwork activities.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	Consulting Services The consultants will be engaged as individual consultants by ADB in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). The proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in accordance with Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time). All procurement will be done in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2010, as amended from time to time).
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	23 May 2014
Fact Finding	26 May 2014 to 27 May 2014
MRM	-
Approval	10 Jul 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	22 Sep 2016

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
10 Jul 2014	27 Aug 2014	27 Aug 2014	01 May 2016	30 Sep 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
350,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450,000.00	10 Jul 2014	182,344.31

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