

# **Regional: Promoting Remittance for Development Finance**

Project Name	Promoting Remittance for Development Finance				
Project Number	48190-001				
Country	Regional				
Project Status	Closed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8725-REG: Promoting Remittance for Development Finance				
	Financial Sector Development Partnership Special Fund US				
	TA 8725-REG: Promoting Remittance for Development Finance (Supplementary)				
	Financial Sector Development Partnership Special Fund	US\$ 100,000.00			
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development				
Sector / Subsector	<b>Finance</b> - Finance sector development - Inclusive finance - Infrastructure finance and investment funds				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements				
Description	The impact is increased knowledge and incentives to work for better access to formal remittance and enhanced remittance linked investments for productive use of remittances among the DMC participants. The outcome will be ADB's increased operational focus and level of assistances to support remittance receiving DMCs' better access to formal remittance and remittance securitizations.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	This S-CDTA aims to improve ADB DMCs remittance intermediation for growth and development. The S-CDTA will conduct an international workshop on Remittances for Development and disseminate knowledge products. The S-CDTA will develop DMCs' potential to expand access to formal financial services to the traditionally financially excluded populations in DMCs to increase the use of formal remittance channels through innovations. It will also promote leveraging remittance flows through securitizations or securitization-type structures. The S-CDTA shall result in a few concrete project concepts for ADB to potentially finance DMCs' remittance sector development.				
Impact	Increased ADB operational focus and assistance to support remittance-receiving de countries (DMCs)' access to formal remittance channels and remittance securitization				

# **Project Outcome**

Description of Outcome	Remittance-receiving DMCs have improved knowledge on options to increase access to formal remittance channels and on remittance-linked investments
Progress Toward Outcome	Implementation ongoing.
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	1A successful international workshop on remittance for development conducted     2Knowledge products produced and disseminated
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Forum on Promoting Remittances for Development Finance was successfully held on 18-19 March 2015. Diaspora Bond Specialist was engaged to conduct a feasibility study on diaspora bond projects.
Geographical Location	

## **Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects**

**Environmental Aspects** 

**Involuntary Resettlement** 

Indigenous Peoples

#### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

**During Project Design** 

On 28 November 2013, SAPF/SARD conducted an in-country workshop on remittance for development in Nepal in coordination with the Ministry of Finance. The workshop discussed the status of remittance and ways to increase formal remittance inflow, financial intermediation for productive use of remittance, and improved access to finance. The workshop included two resource persons from the Philippines (from the central bank of the Philippines, the Commission for Filipinos Overseas). The participants appreciated the workshop especially the knowledge sharing from other DMCs. There were more than 100 participants from the government, regulator, financial institutions, research and academia and media. The workshop was extensively featured in local media.

During Project Implementation Based on the Nepal workshop experience, it is assessed there is a strong demand for knowledge sharing on this subject. The TA concept was also discussed with the finance inclusion working group of Finance CoP.

## **Business Opportunities**

Consulting Services

Three individual consultants (one national Capacity Development and Knowledge Management Specialist for 3 person-months, one international Remittance Specialist for 2 person-months, and one international Securitization Expert for 1 person-month) will be recruited through individual consultant selection method. The national consultant will be recruited for around October 2014 \_to March 2015 (intermittent basis). The international Remittance Specialist and Securitization Expert will be recruited for around February\_ to March

2015.

Procurement None

# **Responsible Staff**

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#### **Timetable**

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	26 Sep 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	02 Sep 2016

#### **TA 8725-REG**

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
	Signing Date		Original	Revised	Actual
26 Sep 2014	-	26 Sep 2014	30 Nov 2015	30 Nov 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disb	ursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Count	Counterpart			Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
300,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	325,000.00	26 Sep 2014	257,234.42

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