



Regional: Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (Phase 2)

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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration												
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships												
Sector / Subsector	Multisector - Under corporate priority framework meeting												
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity												
Description	The Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Operational Plan (the Gender OP) 2013-2020 of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Midterm Review of ADB's Strategy 2020 recognizes the need for targeted public policies on and direct investments in women and girls_ - on top of effective gender mainstreaming - to narrow persistent gender disparities and entrenched gender inequalities in Asia and the Pacific. This technical assistance (TA) will help accelerate ADB-wide efforts in effectively implement the Gender OP through pilot innovations, gender diagnostics, capacity development and partnerships.												

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The Asia and Pacific region has made considerable progress over the last decade in narrowing gender gaps in education, health, employment and political participation. However, progress has been uneven across the region and within countries. Gender inequalities persist in girls' secondary completion, high maternal and infant mortality, access to paid employment, participation in politics and decision-making, and access to land, assets and financial services. Many women in the region, particularly in rural areas, still lack access to basic infrastructure and services such as water supply, sanitation, electricity and affordable transportation. Discriminatory gender norms and practices remain entrenched across the region, often manifesting in gender-based violence, reverse sex ratios at birth and early and child marriage. The region is home to the largest numbers of _missing women_ globally; high rates of gender based violence, and early and child marriage (between 45%-65%) especially in South Asia . These cultural and social norms undermine and slow down progress on moving the gender equality agenda forward. Public policies and targeted programs are needed to close the remaining gender gaps and accelerate progress on delivering the unfinished gender equality agenda.</p> <p>ADB's Gender OP provides the guiding framework and road map for ADB's gender operations to 2020. Both Gender OP and the Midterm Review of Strategy 2020 recognize that gender mainstreaming needs to be complemented with more targeted interventions to close the remaining gender gaps in the region. While gender mainstreaming has delivered good results, opportunities for direct investment in women and girls are needed in areas such as girls' secondary education and completion, access to productive assets, jobs, and income-earning opportunities, school-to-work transition and skills training for employment, business development services for women entrepreneurs, financial services and access to credit, labor-saving technology to reduce women's time poverty, policy and legal reforms to tackle gender based violence and gender inequalities, and giving women voice in decision making.</p> <p>The TA builds on the successful experience and lessons learned from the Regional TA (RETA) 6143 Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment being closed in December 2014. RETA 6143 has served as an implementation facility of the Gender and Development Cooperation Fund (GDCF). RETA 6143 supported the two previous gender plans of action of ADB , leveraged the gender equality designs and results in 78 ADB loan projects and 12 country partnership strategies, and contributed to increasing the number of projects with gender mainstreaming and preparing country gender assessments and strategies. The RETA also sensitized executing and implementing agencies on key gender issues through flagship South-South lateral learning events in a range of sectors and themes, such as water, environment, energy, urban, transport, education, food security, and economic empowerment, some of which were conducted in partnerships with other development partners. The new TA will focus more explicitly on pilot innovations to identify potential approaches for addressing persistent and entrenched gender inequalities, which could be expanded and replicated in lending operations.</p>
Impact	Successful delivery of gender equality results in ADB operations in developing member countries (DMCs) improved

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Identification and development of direct investments in women and girls in ADB lending operations increased
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	<p>Gender equality designs and results in lending operations (informed by quality diagnostics) improved</p> <p>Pilot initiatives with key lessons for scaling up implemented</p> <p>Gender knowledge products and services in DMCs enhanced</p> <p>Partnerships on gender equality strengthened</p>
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	Each subproject team in ADB will engage key stakeholders (e.g., government officials, development partners, and if needed potential beneficiaries) to obtain their support to the proposed subproject.
During Project Implementation	Modes of consultation and participation will depend on the type of subproject, ranging from direct participation and empowerment by subproject beneficiaries to just information sharing. The degree of consultation and participation will be reported in the final report of all subprojects, which will be uploaded to the TA website.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	17 Oct 2014
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	11 Dec 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	28 Oct 2014

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
11 Dec 2014	-	11 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2017	30 Jun 2018	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
500,000.00	1,837,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,337,000.00	11 Dec 2014	894,823.95

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