



Regional: Universal Health Coverage for Inclusive Growth: Supporting the Implementation of the Operational Plan for Health, 2015-2020

Project Name	Universal Health Coverage for Inclusive Growth: Supporting the Implementation of the Operational Plan for Health, 2015-2020	
Project Number	49152-001	
Country	Regional	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8983-REG: Universal Health Coverage for Inclusive Growth: Supporting the Implementation of the Operational Plan for Health, 2015-2020	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.50 million
	TA 8983-REG: Universal Health Coverage for Inclusive Growth: Supporting the Implementation of the Operational Plan for Health, 2015_2020 (Supplementary)	
	People's Republic of China Regional Cooperation and Poverty Reduction Fund	US\$ 500,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Health - Health sector development and reform	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The TA aligns with the UN General Assembly resolution in December 2012 that urges governments to move towards providing all people with access to affordable, quality health care services, and aims for (outcome) increasing the number of developing member countries (DMC) pursuing universal health coverage (UHC) by 2020 through three main outputs: (1) analysis of knowledge gaps and key challenges in building up health systems to achieve and sustain UHC undertaken, (2) knowledge on designing, implementing and scaling up UHC interventions disseminated; and (3) investment opportunities for projects supporting the UHC identified.	

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Poor health remains an obstacle to full participation in economic growth for populations throughout Asia and the Pacific. In response, ADB's DMCs have committed to improving health outcomes and pursuing UHC which means that quality health services are available to all those in need without undue financial hardship. Commitments for UHC demand for innovative approaches to manage health care in new ways, more effectively, with better quality and for lower cost. UHC also requires increased investments in the supply and demand of health services, including investments in health infrastructure, and health financing.</p> <p>Against this backdrop, the core strategic focus of ADB's Operational Plan for Health (OPH) 2015-2020 is to support countries in achieving UHC. This is in line with ADB's Midterm review of Strategy 2020 recommendations to support inclusiveness and to reduce vulnerabilities in Asia Pacific through increasing health sector operations from the current 1%_2% to 3%_5% of the total portfolio in the remaining period of Strategy 2020. To this end there is a need to develop business lines for investment opportunities to partner with countries in developing responsive and effective health systems that promote inclusion, and good use of public and private resources. This includes building knowledge and lines of investment that support countries with different levels of income. As described in the OPH, ADB's strategic health sector focus lies in three areas needed for pursuing UHC: hard and soft infrastructure for health services delivery (hospitals, clinics, human resources for health, management systems); health governance (accreditation, regulation, and regional public goods); and health financing (insurance, private sector, and public budgets).</p> <p>The three strategic focus areas are further underpinned by four business lines that respond strongly to existing and anticipated demand from DMCs namely a.) infrastructure for health services delivery, b.) health financing and insurance, c.) elderly care, and d.) information technology.</p> <p>In these business lines, flagship programs will be developed based on ADB's past and existing health sector operational experience that will help to demonstrate ADB's strength in the health sector and that can be used to share best practices and knowledge from sector operations.</p>
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Impact	<p>Impact the project is aligned with: Governments to move towards providing all people with access to affordable, quality health-care services; countries, civil society and international organizations to include universal health coverage in the international development agenda (UN Resolution on Universal Health Coverage, December 2012)</p>
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Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	DMCs pursuing Universal Health Coverage increased
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Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of knowledge gaps and key challenges in building up health systems to achieve and sustain UHC undertaken 2. Knowledge on designing, implementing and scaling up UHC interventions disseminated 3. Investment opportunities for projects supporting the UHC identified
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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	<p>The assistance was conceptualized based on the perceived needs of the DMCs, feedback and inputs from the regional departments and a rapid desk review of the health systems of these DMCs. The studies on health financing, budget advocacy and social health insurance were discussed with WHO-HQ. The Western Pacific region office of WHO (WPRO) provided inputs on ehealth and health financing while the United Nations Children's Fund provided inputs on social health insurance. Asia-Pacific Observatory of which ADB is a member organization provided inputs on hospital systems and health financing. No DMC governments or nongovernment organizations had been formally consulted for this TA.</p>
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During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting
Services

In relation to an approved increase in TA amount from the PRC Fund last August 2016, additional consultants will be / were engaged to support eHealth (or use of information and communication technology in health) component into the TA. All consultancy posts will be / were advertised via CSRN.

Responsible Staff

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	30 Jun 2015
Fact Finding	06 Jul 2015 to 23 Jul 2015
MRM	-
Approval	30 Oct 2015
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	04 Apr 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
30 Oct 2015	-	30 Oct 2015	31 Dec 2020	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00	30 Oct 2015	490,909.65

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