



Regional: Facilitating the Use of Country Safeguard Systems and Strengthening Safeguards Delivery

Project Name	Facilitating the Use of Country Safeguard Systems and Strengthening Safeguards Delivery
Project Number	50235-001
Country	Regional
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Facilitating the Use of Country Safeguard Systems and Strengthening Safeguards Delivery Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Water-based natural resources management Energy - Electricity transmission and distribution - Energy sector development and institutional reform Transport - Road transport (non-urban) - Urban roads and traffic management
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will strengthen country safeguard systems, and support their application to identify and manage the environmental and social risks associated with ADB-supported projects. This will be achieved through the conduct of country safeguard system (CSS) assessments and capacity building activities on the CSS assessment methodology, including on how to undertake equivalence and acceptability assessments as required by the Safeguard Policy Statement (2009).
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA will facilitate the use of CSS in ADB operations. It will support DMCs to conduct country safeguard reviews, undertake a capacity building program for in-country stakeholders and consultants on the methodologies for policy equivalence and acceptability assessments, and strengthen collaboration on CSS among development partners. The TA will support realizing the benefits of using CSS, such as: (i) reduce excessive transaction costs of complying with ADB project safeguards; (ii) enhance borrower's/client's sense of ownership of environmental and social safeguards; (iii) create alignment of safeguard policy compliance to the capacity of individual borrowers/clients; and (iv) enhance donor harmonization.
Impact	Environmental and social sustainability of development projects enhanced.
Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	Use of CSS in ADB operations supported
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	Equivalence and acceptability assessments conducted. Capacity development activities on use and strengthening of country safeguard systems undertaken. Interagency collaboration on CSS strengthened.
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

During Project Implementation

Responsible ADB Officer	Abbas, Zehra
Responsible ADB Department	SDEC
Responsible ADB Division	SDES
Executing Agencies	<i>Asian Development Bank 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City 1550, Philippines</i>

Timetable

Concept Clearance	05 Jun 2017
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	10 Aug 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	18 Aug 2017

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