

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADB RESULTS FRAMEWORK

No.	Level 2 Results Framework Indicators (Key Outputs and Beneficiaries) ¹	Targets	Methods/Comments
1	None		<p>Policy-based loans do not always deliver identifiable outputs that can be directly attributed to the program. However, the SASEC Customs Reform and Modernization for Trade Facilitation Program will help Nepal address the following development agendas, identified in ADB's Strategy 2020, as well as priorities identified in the Mid-term Review of Strategy 2020:</p> <p>(i) Poverty reduction and inclusive economic growth. The program outcome (legitimate trade's access to simplified, harmonized and modernized trade processes increased) will enhance Nepal's export competitiveness and expand exports, boosting income earning prospects for the poor. The program outputs to improve customs procedures and strengthen institutional capacity also support effective governance and timely delivery of public services.</p> <p>(ii) Regional cooperation and integration. All program outputs are RCI measures, which contribute to increased intraregional trade and commerce. Simplifying and modernizing Nepal's trade processes will also require continuous harmonization of trade facilitation measures with its subregional neighbors, and South-South cooperation in capacity building.</p> <p>The program is further aligned with the strategic objectives of ADB's Operational Plan for Regional Cooperation and Integration, 2016–2020, supporting its drive toward innovative RCI approaches, as well as connectivity and competitiveness policy reforms. The program also contributes to the Level 2 indicator, "Completed RCI operations rated successful".²</p>

ADB = Asian Development Bank, RCI = regional cooperation and integration, SASEC = South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation.

¹ Since the project is a policy-based operation, it is generally not expected to deliver specific Results Framework Indicators. It is however earmarked to produce a particular quantity of identifiable outputs and outcomes, such as specific policy and regulatory reforms unique to the loan.

² ADB. 2016. *Operational Plan for Regional Cooperation and Integration, 2016–2020: Promoting Connectivity, Competitiveness, Regional Public Goods, and Collective Action for Asia and the Pacific*. Manila.