



Regional: Strengthening Institutions for Localizing Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development

Project Name	Strengthening Institutions for Localizing Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development	
Project Number	50385-001	
Country	Regional	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9387-REG: Strengthening Institutions for Localizing Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Decentralization	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	<p>The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will improve the institutional capacity of selected Asian Development Bank (ADB) developing member countries (DMCs) to localize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In response to DMC demand, the proposed TA will add value to the programs and operations of regional departments by supporting (i) the strengthening of awareness, knowledge, and skills for effective localization of the SDGs in selected DMCs; (ii) testing of innovative institutional capacity interventions for localizing SDGs in selected DMCs; and (iii) enhancing dialogue, including among developing countries, on good practices in SDG localization.</p> <p>The proposed TA is included in the 2017 work program of the Governance Thematic Group (GovTG). It builds on previous knowledge activities of the GovTG, such as the conferences conducted jointly with the Development Partners Network on Decentralization and Local Governance (DeLoG) in August 2015 and September 2016, and the international conference on the Role of Managing for Development Results in Achieving the SDGs (June 2017). The proposed TA also takes into account the lessons from a series of learning programs on Multi-Stakeholder Engagement for Reform in different settings. The TA is aligned with recent ADB strategy and policy papers on public sector management, institutional performance, and capacity development, and factors in lessons from past and ongoing decentralization and local governance operations in countries such as Cambodia, the People's Republic of China (PRC), Indonesia, Nepal, and the Philippines.</p>	

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

In September 2015, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted Agenda 2030 (Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development), which includes 17 SDGs and 169 targets, as a new reference for global development efforts. ADB supports its DMCs in achieving the SDGs through a customized approach with respect to sustainable development investments and enhanced financing needs, and by incorporating sustainability into its corporate results framework and reporting processes and enhanced financing needs.

Unlike the Millennium Development Goals, which were highly centralized, the SDGs capture environmental, economic, political, and social dimensions of development more holistically. While the text of the SDGs does not contain an explicit call for localizing the SDGs, local governments are recognized directly or indirectly in many of the goals, notably in Goal 11 (Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable) and Goal 16 (Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels).

Subnational governments have a critical role in implementing and achieving the SDGs, including those where localization is not explicitly mentioned, because (i) the experience of developed countries suggests that as economic and population growth and urbanization increase a greater share of public investments and spending will occur at the local level; (ii) addressing global resource challenges and constraints such as pollution, biodiversity loss, and climate change will require close involvement of subnational governments; and (iii) subnational governments are closer to citizens and better positioned to provide opportunities for the poor and marginalized to be heard. The proposed TA will support implementation of the roadmap for localizing the SDGs developed by the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Habitat to support cities and regions to deliver the 2030 agenda; roadmap development included an intensive consultation process.

Many DMCs lack the institutional capacity to localize the SDGs, and institutional strengthening is needed with respect to: (i) multilevel governance systems defined by national governments (i.e., related to functional assignments, intergovernmental fiscal relations, and national subnational development plan integration); (ii) subnational governmental processes, to ensure that regulations, planning and budgeting processes; service delivery mechanisms; and infrastructure investments are responsive to SDG goals; and (iii) transparent and participatory multi-stakeholder engagement processes involving local governments and parliaments, citizens, and the private sector to ensure accountability on SDG target achievement, drawing on adequate national and subnational monitoring systems.

Impact

Performance of institutions in DMCs for localizing Agenda 2030 commitments for sustainable development improved.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome

Institutional capacity of selected DMCs to localize the SDGs improved.

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

Awareness, knowledge, and skills for effective localization of the SDGs in selected DMCs strengthened.
 Innovative institutional capacity interventions for localizing SDGs in selected DMCs tested.
 Dialogue (globally, and among developing countries) on effective localization of the SDGs enhanced.

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

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services ADB will select, supervise, and evaluate all consultants. The TA is estimated to require 17 person-months of international consultant and 60 person-months of national consultant services, using individual consultants with expertise in governance, public sector management, decentralization and local governance, and/or capacity and institutional development. All consultants shall be engaged following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time), using output-based, lump-sum out-of-pocket contracts wherever possible. The terms of reference for consultants will be further developed when specific TA activities are undertaken.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	12 Jul 2017
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	05 Oct 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	09 Oct 2017

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
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