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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	–	Asian Development Bank
BCC	–	behavior change communication
MCH	–	maternal and child health
MoHSP	–	Ministry of Health and Social Protection
PHC	–	primary health care
SDG	–	sustainable development goals
TRTA	–	transaction technical assistance

NOTE

In this report, "\$" refers to US dollars.

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TRANSACTION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AT A GLANCE

1. Basic Data		Project Number: 51010-001	
Project Name	Inclusive Health Project	Department/Division	CWRD/CWSS
Nature of Activity	Project Preparation	Executing Agency	Ministry of Health and Social Protection
Modality	Regular		
Country	Tajikistan		
2. Sector	Subsector(s)	ADB Financing (\$ million)	
✓ Health	Health sector development and reform		0.70
		Total	0.70
3. Strategic Agenda	Subcomponents	Climate Change Information	
Inclusive economic growth (IEG)	Pillar 2: Access to economic opportunities, including jobs, made more inclusive	Climate Change impact on the Project	Low
4. Drivers of Change	Components	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	
Private sector development (PSD)	Conducive policy and institutional environment	Gender equity (GEN)	✓
5. Poverty and SDG Targeting		Location Impact	
Geographic Targeting	Yes	Rural	High
Household Targeting	No		
SDG Targeting	Yes		
SDG Goals	SDG3		
6. Risk Categorization	Low		
7. Safeguard Categorization	Safeguard Policy Statement does not apply		
8. Financing			
Modality and Sources		Amount (\$ million)	
ADB		0.70	
Transaction technical assistance: Technical Assistance Special Fund		0.70	
Cofinancing		0.00	
None		0.00	
Counterpart		0.00	
None		0.00	
Total		0.70	

I. THE ENSUING PROJECT

1. Tajikistan is committed to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Better healthcare system is a priority as reflected in the National Development Strategy 2030. Tajikistan is behind in its attainment of key SDG indicators in neonatal mortality and infant mortality. SDG targets for neonatal mortality and infant mortality is 12 and 25, respectively. Most recent estimates for Tajikistan is 21 neonatal deaths per 1000 live births and 45 infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

2. Asian Development Bank (ADB) will help improve integrated maternal and child health (MCH) care delivery at both primary and secondary health care levels in disadvantaged districts Through a project grant, which is estimated to cost \$35 million, \$32 million which ADB will be financed from Asian Development Fund¹ While many developing partners have spent considerable effort in helping the government improve primary health care (PHC) facilities through rehabilitation, provision of equipment, and capitation and performance-based financing pilots, integrating and rationalizing care on both PHC and hospital sectors to improve MCH services delivery holistically and improve it sustainably has not been done before. The proposed project will have three outputs, as follows: (i) primary and secondary healthcare services strengthened; (ii) referral systems in project districts improved; and (iii) knowledge on maternal and child health improved. These solutions will be result in the following outcome: integrated maternal and child health services expanded. The project will be aligned with the following impact: health status and well-being of mothers and children in selected districts improved.²

II. THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A. Justification

3. The transaction technical assistance (TRTA) is justified given the wide-ranging nature of the activities being supported by Inclusive Health Project, the innovative nature of key aspects of the project, and the specialist nature of skills required in areas such as health facility master planning, functional design of facilities, MCH referral systems, output-based payment systems in health, and behavior change communication (BCC). The TRTA will provide technical inputs and assessments to assist the government and ADB to develop a project that is aligned with the Tajikistan Country Partnership Strategy 2016–2020 and SDGs.³

B. Outputs and Activities

4. The TRTA has three outputs:

i. **Output 1. Detailed project design developed and costed.** This output will develop the technical design parameters and detailed costings for the three project outputs, including: (i) identification of project districts and facilities that will be renovated; (ii) development of all project design parameters, including functional and architectural design, updated master plan, MCH referral systems, output-based payment systems in health, and BCC; (iii) preparation of detailed costings for all project components, including civil works, consultancy, capacity building and project implementation; (iv) preparation of project design and monitoring framework, including specification of performance indicators and project activities; (v) identification of capacity building for institutionalizing

¹ Asian Development Bank. 2017. *Tajikistan: Country Operations Business Plan 2018–2020*.

² Sustainable Development Goals 3.

³ Asian Development Bank. 2016. *Tajikistan: Country Partnership Strategy 2016–2020*.

continuous quality improvement mechanisms and referral systems; (vi) review and updating designs for health facilities under the project; (vii) development of the project procurement plan; and (viii) specification of project implementation plan.

ii. **Output 2. Project due diligence undertaken.** This output will support project due diligence, including: (i) health sector assessment, (ii) environmental assessment, (iii) economic and financial analysis, (iv) gender, poverty and social analysis, (v) financial management assessment of the executing and implementing agencies, (vi) procurement capacity assessment of the executing and implementing agencies; and (vii) risk assessment and management plan.

iii. **Output 3. Project processing and implementation startup facilitated.** This will include (i) assisting in the preparation of all documents required for project processing, including linked documents and project administration manual, (ii) preparation of bidding documents for procurement of goods and works contracts and RFP(s) for recruitment of project implementation support consultants, and (iii) project implementation startup support.

C. Cost and Financing

5. The TA is estimated to cost \$0.707 million, of which \$0.70 million will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF 6). The government will provide counterpart support in the form of counterpart staff, data collection, office accommodation, appliances, furniture, and utilities and other in-kind contributions. The key expenditure items are listed in Appendix 1. The government was informed that approval of the TRTA does not commit ADB to finance any ensuing project.

D. Implementation Arrangements

6. ADB will administer the TRTA. The Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MoHSP) will be the executing agency. The Social Sector Division of the Central and West Asia Department will coordinate project preparation with the MoHSP. The TRTA will be implemented from February 2018 to May 2019 and will be coordinated with other development partners. Disbursements will be made in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (May 2010, as amended from time to time). Implementation arrangements are in Table 1.

Table 1: Implementation Arrangements

Aspects	Arrangements		
Indicative implementation period	February 2018–May 2019		
Executing agency	MoHSP		
Implementing agencies	The Social Sector Division of the Central and West Asia Department will coordinate project preparation with the reform support unit of MoHSP		
Consultants	To be selected and engaged by the ADB		
	Individual consultant selection	3 person-months 6 person-months national	\$106,200
	QCBS 90:10	18.5 person-months international 15 person-months national	\$428,000
Procurement	To be procured by consultants		
	Shopping	1 contract	\$ 7,700
Advance contracting and retroactive financing	None		
Disbursement	Technical assistance resources will be disbursed following ADB's <i>Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook</i> (2010, as amended from time to time).		

Aspects	Arrangements
Asset turnover or disposal arrangement upon technical assistance completion	TRTA equipment will be turned over to the EA upon TRTA completion

ADB = Asian Development Bank, EA = executing agency, MoHSP = Ministry of Health and Social Protection, QCBS = quality- and cost based selection, TRTA = transaction technical assistance.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

7. **Consulting services. There will be two packages of consulting services: (i) two individual consultants (international and national) who will update the masterplan; and (ii) an international consulting firm to conduct project design, costing, and due diligence as soon as the masterplan is updated. Selection modality is according to Table 1.** Consultants will be engaged in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the associated project administration instructions/technical assistance staff instructions.⁴

Table 2: Summary of Consulting Services Requirement

Positions	Person-Months Required
International	
Facility masterplan and rationalization specialist	3.0
Health financing and integrated care specialist, team leader	6.0
Health facility design specialist	2.0
Project financial specialist	3.0
Procurement specialist	2.0
Environment and safeguards specialist	1.5
Facility management functional plan specialist	2.0
Behavior change communication specialist	2.0
Total	21.5
National	
Rationalization and project start up specialist	6.0
Procurement specialist	6.0
Gender and social development specialist	4.0
Environmental specialist	3.0
Social safeguard specialist	2.0
Total	21.0
Total	42.5

⁴ Terms of Reference for Consultants (accessible from the list of linked documents in Appendix 2).

COST ESTIMATES AND FINANCING PLAN
(\$'000)

Item	Total Cost
Asian Development Bank^a	
1. Consultants	
a. Remuneration and per diem	
i. International consultants (21.5 person-months)	456.0
ii. National consultants (21 person-months)	104.2
b. International and local travel	73.0
2. Office equipment and furniture ^b	7.7
3. Workshops, training, seminars, and conferences ^c	5.0
4. Contingencies	54.1
Total	700.0

Note: The transaction technical assistance is estimated to cost \$0.707 million which will be funded from the TA Special Fund (TASF-6) is presented in the table above. The government will provide counterpart support in the form of counterpart staff, data collection, office accommodation, appliances, furniture and utilities, and other in-kind contributions. The value of government contribution is estimated to account for about 10% of the total TA cost.

^a Financed by the Asian Development Bank's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-6).

^b Equipment and furniture will include the following: computers with standard software and modems, printers, photocopy machine, telecommunication equipment including facsimile machine, and other to ADB approval and done in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

^c Includes rent of venue, cost of materials, refreshments, hiring of resource persons, honorarium, and other travel related cost, and other workshop related expenses.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

LIST OF LINKED DOCUMENTS

<http://www.adb.org/Documents/LinkedDocs/?id=51010-001-TARreport>

1. Terms of Reference for Consultants