



China, People's Republic of: Improving Ecological Protection and Poverty Alleviation Outcomes of the Rare-Earth Sector in Jiangxi Province

Project Name	Improving Ecological Protection and Poverty Alleviation Outcomes of the Rare-Earth Sector in Jiangxi Province	
Project Number	51013-001	
Country	China, People's Republic of	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9480-PRC: Improving Ecological Protection and Poverty Alleviation Outcomes of the Rare-Earth Sector in Jiangxi Province	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 400,000.00
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 - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support improved integration of poverty alleviation and ecological protection efforts in Jiangxi Province of the People's Republic of China (PRC). It will explore the influence of the rare-earth mineral sector on poverty alleviation and environmental outcomes in Jiangxi Province, and prepare policy recommendations for improved integration of poverty alleviation and ecological protection efforts in the province, with Ganzhou Prefecture as focal area. The TA is aligned with the following impact: the PRC's supporting system for poverty alleviation improved. The TA will have the following outcome: poverty alleviation and environmental protection policies in Jiangxi Province improved.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Rural poverty is widespread in Jiangxi Province, with 25 counties included in the national list of identified poverty-stricken counties, including much of the Luoxiao Mountains' contiguous area. Poverty alleviation is high on the agenda of the Jiangxi Provincial Government, as part of national efforts under the Thirteenth Five-Year Plan (2016-2020). However, efforts have focused heavily on development of resource-intensive industries as engines for increasing economic growth. The mineral sector is a major contributor to Jiangxi Province's economy, with rare-earth extraction and processing the most significant subsector. While development of these natural capital assets has provided opportunities for economic growth, there are increasing problems of water pollution, biodiversity loss, erosion, and deteriorating agricultural productivity. Economic performance has masked the negative impacts of pollution and degradation of natural capital. Such development is unsustainable, limits economic prosperity over the longer term, and is contrary to the PRC's broader goals of building an ecological civilization. This TA will explore the influence of the rare-earth mineral sector on poverty alleviation and environmental outcomes in Jiangxi Province, and prepare policy recommendations for improved integration of poverty alleviation and ecological protection efforts in the province, with Ganzhou Prefecture as focal area. The proposed TA will assist the Jiangxi Provincial Government through the Jiangxi Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference to deliver inclusive economic growth with improved environmental sustainability in Jiangxi Province, supporting the PRC's ecological civilization objectives.	
Impact	The People's Republic of China's supporting system for poverty alleviation improved	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Poverty alleviation and environmental protection policies in Jiangxi Province improved	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		

Description of Project Outputs	Socioeconomic influence of rare-earth industries and opportunities to improve poverty alleviation outcomes in Ganzhou, Jiangxi identified Environmental impacts of rare-earth industries and opportunities to improve environmental performance, remediation, and financing mechanisms in Ganzhou, Jiangxi identified Rare-earth industrial structure and regulatory mechanisms in Ganzhou, Jiangxi examined Policy recommendations for improved governance, environmental performance, and poverty alleviation outcomes in Ganzhou, Jiangxi prepared
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	The TA became effective on 12 January 2018 and the consulting firm was mobilized in May 2018. The inception phase has been completed.
Geographical Location	Nation-wide, Ganzhou, Ganzhou, Ganzhou

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 The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will administer and coordinate implementation of the TA through the East Asia Department and will work closely with the Jiangxi Provincial Government through the Jiangxi Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (JPPCC), which will be both the executing and implementing agencies of the TA. ADB will engage a consulting firm following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the associated project administration instructions and/or technical assistance instructions. It is anticipated that the knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will require 21 person-months of consulting services, comprising at least three national and two international consultants. Areas of expertise required will include minerals industry analysis, policy and regulation, socioeconomic analyses, and environmental economics. These consultants will be engaged by ADB in accordance with the Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) using the quality- and cost-based selection method, with a quality cost ratio of 90:10 given the high technical complexity. It is anticipated that the consultants will be mobilized during the first quarter of 2018.

Procurement Nil

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	16 Nov 2017
Fact Finding	17 Jul 2017 to 19 Jul 2017
MRM	-
Approval	21 Dec 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	28 Sep 2018

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual

21 Dec 2017

12 Jan 2018

12 Jan 2018

30 Apr 2019

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	21 Dec 2017	61,608.00

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