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China, People's Republic of: Supporting Project Preparation

Project Name	Supporting Project Preparation						
Project Number	51044-001						
Country	China, People's Republic of						
Project Status	Active						
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance						
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9437-PRC: Supporting Project Preparation						
Anount	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.30 million					
	TA 9437-PRC: Supporting Project Preparation (Supplementary)						
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 2.05 million					
	TA 9437-PRC: Supporting Project Preparation (2nd Supplementary)						
	Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund	US\$ 500,000.00					
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration						
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development						
Sector / Subsector	 Education - Pre-primary and primary Finance - Infrastructure finance and investment funds Health - Health system development Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development Transport - Multimodal logistics - Rail transport (non-urban) - Transport policies and institutional development - Urban public transport Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Other urban services - Urban flood protection - Urban housing - Urban water supply 						
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements						
Description	The transaction technical assistance facility (the F-TrTA) will provide project preparation support to a series of ensuing projects, comprising the Green Finance Catalyzing Facility (GFCF), the public private partnership (PPP) Demonstration II for elderly care (EC), the Jilin Yanji Urban Development, and the Multimodal Passenger Hubs Development. All ensuing projects involve investments in green and low carbon infrastructure and elderly care, key strategic priorities for both the government and ADB. This F-TrTA is listed in the country operations business plan (COBP), 2017- 2019, for the People's Republic of China (PRC).						

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy Project preparation activities for PRC projects support the review of the FSR prepared by the design institutes and the preparation of standard ADB documents, including due diligence and other requirements, such as financial, economic, and safeguards, and poverty, social, and gender analyses. The review found out that 52% of the PPTA resources were used to revise and strengthen projects' detailed engineering designs prepared by the design institutes, while in 48% of the cases PPTAs were used to undertake standard ADB due diligence and other requirements. This confirms that, for a subgroup of ADB-funded projects, the FSR prepared by the design institutes is of good quality, and therefore the preparatory work could only cover standard due diligence assessments, without the need to duplicate design work. In the latter cases, efficiency gains could come from engaging consultants to undertake standard due diligence assessments for multiple projects.

To address the above issues and in line with the new TA programmatic approach, the F-TrTA will provide project preparation support, from planning and sector work to due diligence assessments and start-up activities, for four projects pipelined for 2018 and 2019 (the subprojects). As projects are likely to require similar set of safeguard, financial management, and economic and sector assessments, the facility approach is suitable to (i) enhance operational efficiency in preparing the projects, (ii) reap important synergies from working with the same consultants, (iii) and reduce recruitment time of consultants by allowing consultants to be retained on a long-term basis; and (iv) strengthen coordination between ADB's preparatory activities and design institutes' work. The F-TrTA will result in PRC's efficient strategic implementation of a longer-term consolidated TA for supporting project preparation, aiming at faster delivery of project preparation, quicker and more flexible responsiveness to support lending operations, and higher readiness of approved projects.

Impact

Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs		
Status of Implementation Progr	ess (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location		Nation-wide
Summary of Environmental	and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication	, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	Stakeholders were constantly consulted during project design.	
During Project Implementation	Stakeholders will be fully consulted through review missions a	nd workshops during project

Business Opportunities

Responsible ADB Department

Responsible ADB Division

Consulting Each subproject will require a team of international and national consultants to be engaged by ADB. Consulting firms and individual consultants will be recruited based on the requirements of each TA subproject, in accordance with Services ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the associated PAIs/TA Staff Instructions. The fields, duration of engagement and related costs of the expertise in Appendix 3 of the TA report are indicative and estimates will be finalized prior to approval of each subproject in consultation with the government teams. Consulting firms will be engaged following either the guality- and cost-based selection method, with a guality-cost ratio of 90:10 using full, simplified, or bio-data technical proposal procedures; or consultant's qualification selection, as appropriate. Consultants to be selected using the individual consultants' selection method will be engaged to provide specialized technical inputs to fulfill ADB advanced planning and sector work, due diligence requirements, and enhance project readiness. Contract options may include time-based or framework agreements. Lump-sum or output-based contracts will be considered for consulting services under the TA facility. When the preparation of loans to be supported by the proposed TA facility require the same set of expertise, important synergies may be reaped from engaging the same consultants. New contract modalities such as framework agreements, will allow consultants to be retained for repeat assignments during a given period. Responsible ADB Officer Mongiorgi-Lorenzo, Marzia

East Asia Department

PRC Resident Mission

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	05 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	
05 Dec 2017	29 Jan 2018	29 Jan 2018	31 Dec 2020	-	-	

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disb	ursements
ADB	Cofinancing	Count	Counterpart			Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
3,350,000.00	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,850,000.00	05 Dec 2017	496,738.44

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