

Tajikistan: Financial Sector and Fiscal Management Improvement Program, Subprogram 1

Project Name	Financial Sector and Fiscal Management Improvement Program, Subprogram 1	
Project Number	51066-001	
Country	Tajikistan	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant: Financial Sector and Fiscal Management Improvement Program	
	concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund	US\$ 50.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Finance - Banking systems and nonbank financial institutions - Central banking systems - Finance sector development - Money and capital markets Public sector management - Economic affairs management - Public expenditure and fiscal management	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The proposed Financial Sector and Fiscal Management Improvement Program aims to support the Government of Tajikistan with reforms to create a more stable financial system, enhance access to financial services, and improve fiscal management to accelerate sustainable private sector growth. The program will (i) enhance banking sector stability, (ii) improve the enabling environment for the financial sector, and (iii) strengthen public financial management.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Private investment in Tajikistan declined from 6.2% of GDP in 2014 to 4.5% of GDP in 2017, below the regional average of 15.6% of GDP. Domestic credit to the private sector fell from 23% to 12% of GDP over 2015-2018, far below the regional average of 63% of GDP, and is identified as a top constraint to private sector development. Empirical analysis shows financial sector development has a statistically significant and relatively high impact on private investment. Insufficient public investment, including in critical infrastructure (e.g. energy and water) and a skilled workforce, also limits private investment. Poor public investment management practices, e.g. project appraisal and costing and absence of suitable resource allocation plans, including a medium term budget framework, create gaps in infrastructure and services needed for private investment and supporting economic growth. The program is consistent with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) country partnership strategy for Tajikistan, 2016-2020 and ADB's Strategy 2030, aligned with strengthening governance and institutional capacity. The program will support the government's reform agenda in the national development strategy up to 2030. The policy-based financing will be a programmatic approach that includes two subprograms to be implemented during 2020-2021.	
Impact	Sustainable economic development improves the standard of living of the population (National Develop Tajikistan for the Period up to 2030)	ment Strategy of the Republic of
Outcome	Private sector investment increased	
Outputs	Banking sector stability enhanced Enabling environment for financial sector improved Public financial management strengthened	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment		С
Involuntary Resettlement		С
Indigenous Peoples		С
Summary of Environmental and Soc	ial Aspects	
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Partici	pation, and Consultation	
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
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Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance 3, Academic Rajabovs Dushanbe Tajikistan

Timetable		
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MRM	03 Sep 2019	
Approval		
Last Review Mission		
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