



Armenia: Social Sectors Reform Program

Project Name	Social Sectors Reform Program	
Project Number	51129-001	
Country	Armenia	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9456-ARM: Social Sectors Reform Program	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 800,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Education - Education sector development Health - Health system development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>The Government of Armenia is committed to developing comprehensive policy reforms in the education and health sectors. These reforms will enable the government to improve the efficient utilization of resources and quality of services in these two social sectors. Support for these social sectors is consistent with the strategic focus of the country partnership strategy, 2014-2018 of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Armenia.</p> <p>The government has asked ADB to provide support through the policy-based lending (PBL) modality, which will include two subprograms to tackle development challenges in the education and health sectors. Dialogue with the government on reform is substantially advanced with regard to education, but at an early stage for health. Thus, the first subprogram will focus mainly on education sector policy reform and include initial support for policy reform in the health sector, while the second subprogram will increase support for health sector reform. The ensuing project and the transaction technical assistance (TRTA) are currently included in ADB's country operations business plan, 2018 -2020, for Armenia.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The TRTA is justified given the wide-ranging nature of the activities supported by the Armenia Social Sector Reform Program, the innovative nature of key aspects of the PBL, and the specialist nature of the skills required in areas such as the expansion of the education management and information system (EMIS), development of teacher standards, health facility master planning for integrated care, and review of medical curricula. The TRTA will provide technical inputs and assessments to help the government and ADB develop PBL that is aligned with ADB's country partnership strategy, 2014-2018 for Armenia, the Armenia Development Strategy for 2014-2025, and the Perspective Development Strategic Program 2014-2025.</p>	
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Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	A team of 13 experts is required to meet program' outputs and activities. The experts will be engaged as individual consultants for the preparation of the subprograms, and will include nine international experts (for a total of 32 person-months) and four national experts (for a total of 39 person-months). The consultants will be considered for engagement on time-based contracts. Consultants will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the associated project administration instructions and technical assistance staff instructions.
Procurement	The Social Sector Division of the Central and West Asia Department will coordinate the preparation of the PBL with the Ministry of Education and Science and Ministry of Health. The TRTA will be implemented from January 2018 to July 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).

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	07 Dec 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	28 Sep 2018

TA 9456-ARM**Milestones**

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
07 Dec 2017	05 Jan 2018	05 Jan 2018	31 Jul 2019	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization**Cumulative Disbursements**

ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
800,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800,000.00	07 Dec 2017	20,104.08

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