



Mongolia: Developing an Information System for Development Policy and Planning

Project Name	Developing an Information System for Development Policy and Planning	
Project Number	51136-001	
Country	Mongolia	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9371-MON: Developing an Information System for Development Policy and Planning	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 500,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Information and communication technology - ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development Public sector management - Public administration	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	<p>The Government of Mongolia requested for Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Knowledge and Support Technical Assistance (TA) to support the National Development Agency (NDA) to prepare a web-based information system with an integrated information database. The TA is included in the Country Operations Business Plan, 2017-2019 for Mongolia. The proposed TA will strengthen coordination and planning of development policy in Mongolia in line with the objectives of the Mongolia Sustainable Development Vision 2030. The TA will reduce duplication and overlap in government policy and provide a stronger basis for prioritizing and allocating scarce government resources to development priorities. The expected improved efficiency of available resources is particularly important given Mongolia's current economic challenges, which have resulted in fiscal consolidation of the government budget</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The NDA was established in 2016 under the Prime Minister's office with the mandate to coordinate the implementation of the Mongolia Sustainable Development Vision 2030. As such, the NDA is the key regulatory agency tasked with ensuring the country's economic stability through the development and implementation of an integrated socio-economic and investment policy. In this pursuit, the NDA is responsible for identifying and integrating national, sectoral, regional, and investment policies in Mongolia. This involves working with many sectoral, sub-sectoral and regional development policy documents and coordinating closely across all line ministries and with the Governor's office in each aimag (province).</p> <p>However, at present there is no integrated database that acts as a repository for such policies. This challenges NDA's capacity to oversee policy coherence and ultimately support better allocation of resources to government priorities. It also makes it hard to monitor policy implementation and the dissemination of new and existing policies across government. This problem is accentuated by Mongolia's political cycle where a changeover in government results in wholesale changes at senior levels across ministries resulting in institutional memory loss in the absence of an integrated database. This TA is particularly important given the current context in Mongolia. Falling commodity prices followed by a lack of fiscal discipline has significantly worsened Mongolia's fiscal position and undermined debt sustainability. This resulted in the negotiation of an International Monetary Fund (IMF)-led program, backed by ADB and other development partners, which will enhance medium-term growth prospects. However, implementing this program will require discipline in restoring debt sustainability and improving fiscal management. This underlines the importance of effective policy planning and coordination and the role of the NDA, to determine Mongolia's development priorities and allocate government expenditure to these priorities in a more constrained fiscal environment.</p>	
Impact	Development policy and planning strengthened	

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	System for monitoring and overseeing development policy improved
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	Integrated database software platform created Government staff's capacity in use and maintenance of database enhanced
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	07 Jul 2017
Fact Finding	03 Jul 2017 to 07 Jul 2017
MRM	-
Approval	20 Sep 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	20 Sep 2017

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	-	0.00

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