



Sri Lanka: Supporting Delivery of Strategic Knowledge Solutions

Project Name	Supporting Delivery of Strategic Knowledge Solutions
Project Number	51153-001
Country	Sri Lanka
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9454-SRI: Supporting Delivery of Strategic Knowledge Solutions Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 225,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Economic affairs management
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements
Description	The TA is aligned with the following impact: an environment where all citizens have the opportunity to achieve higher incomes and better standards of living created 5. The TA will have the following outcome: policy recommendations that support sustained growth submitted to the government.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Sri Lanka needs to maintain the growth momentum to advance its status as an upper middle-income country. The country faces many challenges as it approaches UMIC, with regard to sustaining economic growth and quality of growth. These challenges include a narrow export base, low productivity in agriculture, low female participation in the labor force, and an ageing population. To address these challenges, policies need to be pursued that facilitate manufacturing and export diversification, increase productivity, enable Sri Lankan firms to become part of global supply chains, create productive jobs, and establish efficient social protection networks. With limited fiscal space, the government expects the private sector to drive the transformation of the economy. However, private sector investment has remained constrained because the business environment has not been conducive and the public sector has played a dominant role in the past. Policies to improve investment climate, complemented by upgrades in the quality of infrastructure and human resources, need urgent attention to catalyze domestic investment and attract foreign direct investment (FDI). Projects that address infrastructure and resource gaps need to be identified and their implementation prioritized.
Impact	An environment where all citizens have the opportunity to achieve higher incomes and better standards of living created

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Policy recommendations that support sustained growth submitted to the government
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Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	Knowledge of government officials in economic corridor development increased Knowledge products developed to address challenges to sustained growth Capacity of NPD and line ministry staff in policy analysis and project planning increased
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location	Nation-wide
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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 Consultancy services will be used to conduct the studies identified at the time of processing the TA and other studies that maybe identified during implementation. Three international consultants will be engaged to carry out studies in the following areas; (i) private sector participation in industrial parks, (ii) social protection, focusing on pensions and ageing population and (iii) macroeconomic modelling. Three national consultants will be recruited to conduct the following studies; (i) developing agriculture value chains, (ii) private sector participation in industrial parks and (iii) macroeconomic modelling. The consultants will be selected individually through a competitive process and recruited under lumpsum, output-based, and input-based contracts. Individual consultants will be used, rather than recruiting a firm as the required expertise are diverse and it will be difficult to find all the required experts in one firm. However, individuals maybe recruited through firms where necessary. ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

Procurement There will be no goods procurement under the TA.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance 31 Aug 2017

Fact Finding -

MRM -

Approval 11 Dec 2017

Last Review Mission -

Last PDS Update 14 Dec 2017

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
11 Dec 2017	-	11 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2019	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization

ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Cumulative Disbursements	
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others		Date	Amount
225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00	11 Dec 2017	3,017.45

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