



Azerbaijan: Rapid Response Support for Strategic Reforms

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| Project Name | Rapid Response Support for Strategic Reforms | |
| Project Number | 51355-001 | |
| Country | Azerbaijan | |
| Project Status | Active | |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance | Technical Assistance | |
| Source of Funding / Amount | TA 9445-AZE: Rapid Response Support for Strategic Reforms | |
| | Technical Assistance Special Fund | US\$ 225,000.00 |
| Strategic Agendas | Environmentally sustainable growth 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 | <p>The TA is aligned with the following impact: effective implementation of the Strategic Roadmap on the National Economy Perspective. The TA will have the following outcome: design and implementation of strategic reforms strengthened through mainstreaming of new ideas and international best practice.</p> <p>Output 1: Fast-track inputs to strategic reforms. This output will provide <u>just-in-time</u> good-practice based policy and analytical advice through inclusive preparation and delivery of action-oriented policy notes. The policy notes will contribute to the design and implementation of inform the following priority measures: (i) assessment of the role of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in the economy in the medium- and long-term, (ii) raising efficiency of public utility SOEs, including through strategic mainstreaming of private participation in infrastructure; (iii) fostering the education-innovation-production chain; (iv) strengthening the country's competition promotion framework; and (v) improving financial inclusion.</p> <p>Output 2: Government capacity strengthened through reviewing regional experiences and domestic know-how. In the areas highlighted in output 1, this output will (i) facilitate sharing of relevant knowledge and experiences from abroad, including through study tour(s) for government staff directly involved in the design and implementation of reforms; and (ii) promote public-private dialogue through knowledge transfer and awareness raising on good practices and know-how in the domestic private sector that may have replication potential in other sectors and warrant public sector's support.</p> | |
| Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy | Strategic Roadmap's implementation suggests the need for quick and effective support to the government in policy formulation and execution based on international best practice and dialogue with the private sector. ADB has provided rapid response policy reform and capacity building in several developing member countries. Drawing on this experience, a small-scale knowledge support TA project is proposed to expeditiously respond to emerging policy advice and knowledge sharing needs of the Government during 2018 when the intensive phase of the implementation of the Roadmap begins. | |
| Impact | Effective implementation of the Strategic Roadmap on the National Economy Perspective | |
| Project Outcome | | |
| Description of Outcome | Design and implementation of strategic reforms strengthened through mainstreaming of new ideas and international best practice | |
| Progress Toward Outcome | | |
| Implementation Progress | | |
| Description of Project Outputs | Fast-track inputs to strategic reforms Government capacity strengthened through regional experiences and domestic know-how | |

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues) In coordination with the Ministry of Economy, preparation of discussion notes on mainstreaming of regulatory impact assessment for development of SMEs has been substantially completed through an international and national consultants.

Geographical Location Nation-wide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation Meetings with various government agencies are taking place upon their requests.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services The TA will support up to a total of 4 person-months of international (indicative areas of expertise are public sector economics, R&D, competition policy, financial sector) and 3 person-months of national (country economics) consultant inputs for policy advice and knowledge sharing. International consultants and resource persons will be engaged on an individual basis under lump-sum contracts. The national consultant will be engaged under a time-based contract. Resource persons will be used for in-country training, workshops, and seminars.

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Timetable

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| Concept Clearance | - |
| Fact Finding | 27 Nov 2017 to 30 Nov 2017 |
| MRM | - |
| Approval | 06 Dec 2017 |
| Last Review Mission | - |
| Last PDS Update | 26 Sep 2018 |

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| Milestones | | | | | |
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| Approval | Signing Date | Effectivity Date | Closing | | |
| | | | Original | Revised | Actual |
| 06 Dec 2017 | - | 06 Dec 2017 | 31 Mar 2019 | - | - |

| Financing Plan/TA Utilization | | | | | | Cumulative Disbursements | | |
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| ADB | Cofinancing | Counterpart | | | | Total | Date | Amount |
| | | Gov | Beneficiaries | Project Sponsor | Others | | | |
| 225,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 225,000.00 | 06 Dec 2017 | 41,508.83 |

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