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SOCIAL PROTECTION NETWORK FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Overview

The TA intends to support the creation of a social protection network for Asia and the Pacific for knowledge sharing and capacity building on social protection issues common to ADB DMCs. It will also support capacity building activities of focal institutions doing knowledge work on social protection in the next three years. The aim is to have a vibrant knowledge sharing community of social protection practitioners, think tanks, civil society organizations, private sector and academe that governments can tap or access. The network endeavors to play a more prominent role in international discussions on key development issues that affect design, reform and financing of social protection programs and systems. It will support the expansion of linkages with national think tanks and will act as the base network of partners for implementing the Asia-Pacific Social Protection Week.

Outputs and Key Activities

- **Social protection network for Asia and the Pacific created.** The TA will scope potential members of the network and invite them to become members. Partnerships will be formalized through bilateral Memorandum of Agreements between the institution/organization and ADB.
- **Knowledge products shared.** The TA will help synthesize knowledge on social protection issues in Asia and the Pacific region and make such knowledge more easily accessible to policy makers and stakeholders in ADB DMCs. The knowledge products can be existing work of the members of the network or new working papers and research that can be supported by the TA as part of policy dialogues and workshops. Knowledge products will also be shared freely and publicly to facilitate international discourse.
- **Joint webinars, policy dialogues, workshops organized.** The TA will use the knowledge products in building technical capacity in DMCs through webinars, policy dialogues and workshops. These workshops will be jointly organized with the participating institutions. The Asia Pacific Social Protection Week will also be supported by the network.

Implementation Arrangements

ADB will be the anchor organization of the network during the TA implementation. In consultation with participating DMCs, think tanks (i.e. policy and/or research institutes) will be selected and partnership formalized through Memorandum of Agreements. ADB does not envision transfer of funds to the institutions, instead ADB will be providing resource person contracts to experts that will be sent by partners to policy dialogues and/or regional workshops. A subworking group in the Social Development Thematic Group will also be established to support the creation and activities of the network.

ADB will link the network members to partners outside the region such as the Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth Centre, International Labour Organization, Overseas Development Institute, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, German Development Institute, and similar institutions.