



Regional: Southeast Asia Transport Project Preparatory Facility

Project Name	Southeast Asia Transport Project Preparatory Facility
Project Number	52084-001
Country	RegionalCambodiaLao People's Democratic RepublicPhilippinesThailand
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9646-REG: Southeast Asia Transport Project Preparatory Facility Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 5.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Air transport - Road transport (non-urban) - Urban public transport
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	<p>The regional transaction technical assistance (TA) facility will provide project preparation support and capacity building to a series of ensuing transport sector projects in Southeast Asian countries, initially comprising (i) Second Road Network Improvement Project (Cambodia); (ii) Additional Financing to Second Northern Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Transport Network Improvement Project (Lao People's Democratic Republic); (iii) Bataan Cavite Bridge Project (Philippines); (iv) Laguna Lakeside Road Project (Philippines); (v) Manila Mass Rapid Transit Line 4 (Philippines); (vi) Bangkok Urban Transport Development - West Orange Line (Thailand); (vii) Regional Airports Improvement Project (Thailand); and (viii) Tak Mae Sot Road Tunnel Project (Thailand). The TA facility and all ensuing projects are included in the draft Country Operations Business Plans (COBP) 2019 2021 for Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand and the Philippines.</p>

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

The Vision 2030 of the Southeast Asia Department's (SERD) aims for ADB becoming the go-to partner in Southeast Asia by improving the efficiency of delivery mechanisms, providing innovative finance and knowledge solutions. To address needs of developing member countries for a higher number of larger, innovative and more technical complex projects, the transport sector pipeline for 2019-2021 includes 27 new loan and periodic financing request approvals for the years 2019-2021 with an estimated loan amount of \$7.2 billion and over \$12 billion on a facility basis. This is a significant increase of the portfolio from the existing 55 loans and grants with a cumulative effective loan amount of \$5.3 billion. The pipeline is on one side expanding into new subsectors such as railways, road tunnels and air transport in Thailand and large bridges and railway infrastructure investments in the Philippines. On the other hand, more traditional road projects in Cambodia and Lao PDR shall increase in size of project for better relevance of ADB's investment and reduced transaction cost. Therefore, these projects are proposed to be financed as larger investment programs through multitranche financing facilities (MFF) adopting the timeslicing approach. While these MFF are more complex in preparation and implementation, they will ensure a long-term relationship with the government and help improve the disbursement ratio. This significant increase in portfolio size will come together with a reduction of the number of projects financed, hence the individual projects will increase in size and complexity. Therefore, efforts to increase project readiness while preparing these more complex and larger projects must be taken, while at the same time, the portfolio performance needs to be improved. In 2017, the disbursement ratio for the transport sector in Southeast Asia was at 15%, which is below ADB's and SERD's target, the cumulative amount for contract awards and disbursements is \$3.2 billion (60%) and \$2.3 billion (43%) respectively as of 20 August 2018. This indicates that more emphasis must be drawn on project preparation and project implementation for the significantly increasing portfolio to avoid start-up delays such as often phased in procurement or safeguards implementation of newly approved projects.

Impact

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Cambodia - Nation-wide; Lao People's Democratic Republic - Nation-wide; Philippines - Nation-wide, Manila, Province of Bataan, Province of Cavite, Province of Laguna; Thailand - Nation-wide, Bangkok

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 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. Consulting firms will be engaged following either the quality- and cost-based selection method, with a quality-cost ratio of 90:10 due to the complexity of the ensuing projects and the requirement for specialized consulting firms. Individual international consultants and consultant firms, to the extent possible, will be engaged to support the preparation of more than one project. The consultants will consist of transport specialists as primary experts, including engineers, economic, financial, procurement, social, environmental, gender expertise, and other experts as required. The experts will have experience in their respective fields and demonstrate sound technical knowledge of road, rail and air transport sector. Consulting contracts are proposed for advance contracting.

Procurement Procurement of assets is not planned under this TA.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	20 Nov 2018
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	21 Nov 2018

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
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