



Regional: Asian Development Outlook 2019-2021 (Cluster TA)

Project Name	Asian Development Outlook 2019-2021 (Cluster TA)
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Country	RegionalAfghanistanArmeniaAzerbaijanBangladeshBhutanBrunei DarussalamCambodiaCook IslandsFijiMicronesia, Federated States ofGeorgiaHong Kong, ChinaIndiaIndonesiaKazakhstanKyrgyz RepublicKiribatiKorea, Republic ofLao People's Democratic RepublicMalaysiaMaldivesMongoliaMyanmarNauruNepalPakistanPalauPhilippinesPapua New GuineaChina, People's Republic ofMarshall IslandsSamoaSingaporeSolomon IslandsSri LankaTajikistanTaipei, ChinaThailandTimor-LesteTurkmenistanTongaTuvaluUzbekistanVanuatuViet Nam
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Asian Development Outlook 2019-2021 (Cluster TA) Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 3.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions Partnerships
Sector / Subsector	Multisector - ADB's corporate management, policy and strategy development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	The proposed TA cluster will comprise 3 TA subprojects encompassing production of the 2019 to 2021 Asian Development Outlooks (ADO), ADO Updates, and ADO Supplements. These TA subprojects are chronologically sequenced. The cluster TA will support the following activities: (i) preparation of background analytical papers following the two-year rolling research plan, (ii) further development and refinement of analytical methods, (iii) drafting of ADO content, (iv) editing economic content and manuscripts, (v) preparation and laying out of materials for publication, and (vi) dissemination of key results and policy messages. In parallel, the cluster TA will support initiatives to build capacity for macroeconomic modeling and for generating growth projections and monitoring markets. The cluster TA will also undertake activities to evaluate the effectiveness of ADO outreach. ERMR will work with DOC to attempt to capture broader and more useful client feedback.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The Asian Development Outlook (ADO), one of ADB's flagship publications showcasing ADB's knowledge and expertise about the region, plays an important role in understanding such critical element for inclusive growth. This flagship report includes staff analysis of the macroeconomic prospects for all 45 of ADB's DMCs (henceforth, developing Asia) and provides insights into the current economic issues the region faces. Furthermore, in line with the 2013 staff guidelines to improve mainstreaming of inclusive growth into country partnership strategies, the theme chapters and the country chapter policy challenge sections analyze key obstacles to inclusive economic growth: (i) factors preventing productive employment generation, (ii) human development constraints, (iii) gender and other socioeconomic barriers, (iv) spatial and geographical limitations, (v) institutional and policy weaknesses, and (vi) factors preventing expansion of social protection programs. As one of the more prominent publications carrying ADB's name, the report is an important vehicle for publicizing ADB's knowledge and expertise about the region. Its content informs Management and underpins operational decisions. Concerted effort to produce high-quality publications every year is vital to ensure its usefulness to policy makers in ADB's DMCs, ADB Management and shareholders, and researchers globally. In 2011, ERCD (then ERD) undertook new initiatives in response to the growing demand for knowledge solutions from ADB's DMCs, knowledge-related support from within ADB, and an Asian voice in international fora. One such initiative is the formulation of a two-year rolling research plan centered on enhancing the quality of ADB's flagship publications. The extension of the research production process proved to be beneficial for the ADO as it allowed ERMR more time for in-depth analysis and rigorous peer review. The TA cluster approach is more appropriate to ensure that the two-year rolling research work will be continuously supported through timely engagement of experts and other activities.
Impact	Environment within which policy formulation occurs in DMEs influenced by the ADO. Debates and policy research on important development challenges facing Asia and the Pacific spurred by the ADO.

Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	Reference to the ADO by the media, economic researchers and DME officials maintained or increased
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	ADO, ADO Update, and ADO supplements disseminated for 3 years (2019-2021)
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	Afghanistan - Nation-wide; Armenia - Nation-wide; Azerbaijan - Nation-wide; Bangladesh - Nation-wide; Bhutan - Nation-wide; Brunei Darussalam - Nation-wide; Cambodia - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Cook Islands - Nation-wide; Fiji - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Hong Kong, China - Nation-wide; India - Nation-wide; Indonesia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Kiribati - Nation-wide; Korea, Republic of - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Lao People's Democratic Republic - Nation-wide; Malaysia - Nation-wide; Maldives - Nation-wide; Marshall Islands - Nation-wide; Micronesia, Federated States of - Nation-wide; Mongolia - Nation-wide; Myanmar - Nation-wide; Nauru - Nation-wide; Nepal - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Palau - Nation-wide; Papua New Guinea - Nation-wide; Philippines - Nation-wide; Samoa - Nation-wide; Singapore - Nation-wide; Solomon Islands - Nation-wide; Sri Lanka - Nation-wide; Taipei, China - Nation-wide; Tajikistan - Nation-wide; Thailand - Nation-wide; Timor-Leste - Nation-wide; Tonga - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide; Tuvalu - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide; Vanuatu - Nation-wide; Viet Nam - 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	
Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	<p>The ADO will require international consultancy from economists who will prepare the background papers and analyses on issues pertaining to the theme topics. International economic advisory and editing consultants will be required for the economic and technical editing of ADO manuscripts before final publication. National economics consultants and research assistants will be required to assist in data management and conduct research on issues related to macroeconomic development, growth, trade and investment, human capital development, and long-term employment generation in the Asia and Pacific region. National consultants will also be needed to render the desktop publishing and graphic design requirements of the publication.</p> <p>Resource persons will also be engaged for a maximum of 15 working days to conduct training on macroeconomics and economic forecasting and also serve as discussants during workshops.</p> <p>The consultants and resource persons will be recruited as individuals as the TA will require rapid mobilization of the editorial consultants and will involve independent studies where the consultant's experience and qualifications are the primary consideration. This will be done in accordance with the ADB's Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time).</p>
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