



## Regional: Agricultural Value Chain Development in Selected Asian Countries

Project Name	Agricultural Value Chain Development in Selected Asian Countries
Project Number	52239-001
Country	RegionalIndonesiaMyanmarPakistanPhilippines
Project Status	Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	<b>TA: Agricultural Value Chain Development in Selected Asian Countries</b> Republic of Korea US\$ 1.20 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	<b>Agriculture, natural resources and rural development</b> - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Agriculture research and application
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	This knowledge and support technical assistance (KSTA) will identify the priority actions to be undertaken by ADB and developing member countries (DMCs) to mobilize investments for improving market connectivity and value chain linkages, increasing agricultural productivity, and enhancing food safety. It will complement another TA project that is assessing the investment requirement in agriculture sector to end hunger and malnutrition (SDG 2) in the Asia-Pacific region, piloting the climate-smart, resource-saving agricultural practices, and analyzing the ways to improve market connectivity through the establishment of modern wholesale market.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Food security in the Asia and the Pacific region is still a work in progress; production and distribution of food are troubled by several daunting challenges. Soil fertility is declining. Agricultural resources are shrinking and their use by other sectors is increasing. Farm workforce is aging and decreasing while climate change has already become a formidable challenge (ADB 2017) . In future lesser and older farmers, under the status quo, will have to produce more food to feed the growing population of the region underscoring the importance of the agricultural value and distribution chain. It also implies that farming has to be more profitable and farmers have to become agripreneur. Use of information and communication technology (ICT) and knowledge will play the crucial role in this regard. However, initiatives to improve agricultural value chain and use of ICT in agriculture are largely missing in many developing member countries. While many people still starve in these countries, a significant portion of their agricultural produce is lost during post-harvest processes. The value of avoidable post-harvest losses in one year is potentially higher than the investment required to develop the modern agri-market and agri-infrastructure to check these losses in the long run. However, these countries need field demonstration to fully grasp the benefit of use of ICT in agriculture and scientific estimation of post-harvest losses to comprehend the benefit of investing in agricultural value and distribution chain.
Impact	Enhanced agricultural profitability and rural development in participating DMCs.
Outcome	Knowledge of government and ADB to mobilize investment in modernization of agri-logistics and rural development increased.
Outputs	Constraints to agricultural value chain development and main areas for investment for improvement identified. Country-specific recommendations for agricultural and rural development based on Korean experience for selected DMCs formulated. Knowledge on agricultural value chain and rural development in selected countries improved.
Geographical Location	Indonesia - Nation-wide; Myanmar - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Philippines - 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 The implementation of the technical assistance (TA) will require a total of 13 person-months of international and 39 person-months of national consulting services.

Procurement -

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### Timetable

Concept Clearance 09 Nov 2018

Fact Finding -

MRM -

Approval -

Last Review Mission -

Last PDS Update 03 Dec 2018

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