



Regional: Improving Safeguard Implementation in South Asia

Project Name	Improving Safeguard Implementation in South Asia	
Project Number	53136-001	
Country	RegionalBangladeshBhutanIndiaMaldivesNepalSri Lanka	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9852-REG: Improving Safeguard Implementation in South Asia	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 3.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Water-based natural resources management Education - Education sector development Energy - Electricity transmission and distribution Finance - Finance sector development Health - Health sector development and reform Transport - Road transport (non-urban) Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Other urban services	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	The transaction technical assistance facility (TRTA facility) will provide environment and social risk management, capacity building, and support to future and ongoing projects within the South Asia region. The TRTA facility will strengthen the capacity of key government units, civil society, academe, consultants, and contractors to design, implement, and monitor robust measures that address project risks to people and the environment. It will support environment and social safeguards due diligence, consultation, supervision, monitoring, and grievance redress in ADB-funded projects in all the South Asian countries and sectors within these countries. The key activities of the TRTA facility include (i) demand-driven assistance on project processing and implementation; (ii) conduct of workshops and related training programs on environment and social safeguards; (iii) use of advanced technology to improve efficiency in data collection during project processing and implementation; and (iv) development of knowledge products on safeguard implementation best practices.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	To operationalize the priority of Strategy 2030 on strengthening governance and institutional capacity, the TRTA facility will uphold environment and social standards through more effective safeguards implementation and management. ADB Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS) seeks to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse environment and social impacts of investment projects, while safeguard policies of DMCs promote the mitigation of vulnerability and protect the rights of persons likely to be affected by the projects. Implementation of safeguard measures has thus necessarily become embedded in the process of project preparation and implementation as it enhances project sustainability. The TRTA facility seeks to maintain ADB's role as a trusted development partner, delivering quality operations while adding practical value to projects that fit local conditions, identifying lessons learned, and replicating good practices in environment and social risk management.	
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Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Bangladesh - Nation-wide; Bhutan - Nation-wide; India - Nation-wide; Maldives - Nation-wide; Nepal - Nation-wide; Sri Lanka - 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	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.
Procurement	Any procurement will be carried out in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.
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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	31 Oct 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	11 Nov 2019

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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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