



Regional: Improving Project Implementation and Portfolio Performance in South Asia

Project Name	Improving Project Implementation and Portfolio Performance in South Asia	
Project Number	53137-001	
Country	Regional	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9837-REG: Improving Project Implementation and Portfolio Performance in South Asia	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 2.50 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development Energy - Electricity transmission and distribution - Energy efficiency and conservation Information and communication technology - ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development Transport - Air transport - Rail transport (non-urban) - Transport policies and institutional development Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Other urban services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	<p>The transaction technical assistance facility (TRTA facility) will provide financial management, procurement, and project management-related capacity building and support to ongoing and future projects within South Asia. Lessons learned from the implementation of TA 8555-REG have contributed to the improvement of effective procurement operations and project implementation in Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded projects in South Asia. Notwithstanding the successful implementation of the previous TA, the continuation and expansion of the scope of the TRTA facility support is essential for the growth of ADB operations in the region in response to the new operational demands under Strategy 2030. The proposed support would include country and sector specific assessments and recommendations on financial and project management, and procurement processes. Specifically, the TRTA facility will provide (i) demand driven assistance on project design and implementation; (ii) studies, seminars and workshops on financial management; (iii) enhancement of the procurement and contract management capacity of executing agencies through the engagement of IT specialists, procurement consultants and International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) experts; and (iv) knowledge sharing of best practices.</p> <p>The proposed TRTA facility is in line with one of the key operational priorities of Strategy 2030 in strengthening governance and institutional capacity as the basis for development. It will support public management reforms and financial stability and strengthen service delivery and capacity of the member countries in South Asia.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>ADB needs to uphold high standards for financial management, project management, and procurement and contract management to implement Strategy 2030. The outcome of the TRTA facility will be improved project implementation and portfolio performance in South Asia for faster and higher quality of project implementation, timely contract awards and accelerated disbursement of project financing.</p> <p>The TRTA facility will promote the adoption of advanced technology applications to improve the quality of project design and project management in response to Strategy 2030. The TA will cover pilot testing for the application of advanced technologies upon demand. A preliminary assessment will be conducted for potential areas of project monitoring and reporting, use of drone technology, and application of building information modeling (BIM).</p> <p>The TRTA facility seeks to maintain ADB's operational efficiency and effectiveness to support better project implementation during the reform and rationalization of ADB's procurement system. It will complement and reinforce procurement related initiatives conducted by the Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department (PPFD) and other regional departments. Drawing on lessons learned from these initiatives, the South Asia Regional Department (SARD) will continue to develop appropriate actions for longer-term sustainability of procurement and institutional capacity development among its member countries.</p> <p>The TRTA facility will take a partnership and demand-driven approach that supports executing and implementing agencies and other key stakeholders in consultation with respective developing member country (DMC) governments. This will ensure ownership by and commitment from executing and implementing agencies.</p> <p>The TRTA facility will complement other TA projects in supporting improved project implementation and not duplicate ongoing assistance which addresses portfolio management in general.</p>	
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	Regional	
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. The TRTA facility will be implemented by firms (national, 48 person-months) and international and national individual consultants (69 person-months for international and 130 person-months for national). Additional consultants may be recruited as needed. Given the diverse nature of the deliverables, some experts or resource persons for studies, training or capacity development will be recruited individually on an as-needed basis or to undertake specialized technical work as requested by participating executing and implementing agencies.
Procurement	Not applicable

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	29 Oct 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	30 Oct 2019

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500,000.00	-	0.00

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