



# India: Strengthening Capacity to Design and Implement Water and Rural Infrastructure Facility

Project Name	Strengthening Capacity to Design and Implement Water and Rural Infrastructure Facility	
Project Number	53145-001	
Country	India	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9738-IND: Strengthening Capacity to Design and Implement Water and Rural Infrastructure Facility	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 2.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>India is experiencing rapid overall economic growth; however, economic disparity between urban and rural areas persists and rural transformation and poverty reduction are slow compared to other countries in the region. Contributing to this is the absence of well-planned rural infrastructure, which undermines agricultural productivity and increases vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change. A key cause is the weak capacities and poor coordination in the planning, design, and implementation of projects of rural infrastructure stakeholders comprising local, state, and central government; private sector (consultants and contractors); and academic institutions. Exposure to new innovations and good practices in the agriculture and natural resources (ANR) sector is limited, resulting in the continuation of a business as usual approach. The result is persistently slow progress in meeting targets for rural development, design, construction supervision, performance, and sustainability of the assets, as well as limited consideration of external factors, such as climate change.</p> <p>Two of the seven operational priorities of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Strategy 2030 are (i) promoting rural development and food security; and (ii) tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability. ADB's investments in these areas have generated jobs, raised rural incomes, and reduced poverty. The Strategy 2030 emphasizes the need for (i) increasing the focus on the water food energy security nexus; (ii) improving market connectivity and agriculture value chain linkages; (iii) increasing agricultural productivity and food security; and (iv) enhancing food safety. Strengthening governance and institutional capacity of executing and implementing agencies for effective project implementation to achieve inclusive and sustainable development is also a priority. This is also essential to support the Strategy 2030's objectives in streamlining ADB business processes to strengthen development effectiveness and ensure that ADB delivers value for money.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Continuous support to enhance skills and competencies of executing and implementing agencies is needed to improve project preparation, implementation, and overall portfolio performance. Sustainable development of ADB water and rural infrastructure projects requires stronger interaction between stakeholders coupled with dedicated government capacity building in the areas of project design and implementation. The proposed transaction technical assistance (TA) facility would bridge capability gaps and enable the application of best practices to ADB-funded projects. Capacity-building support will be provided through the provision of incremental consulting services to enhance project preparatory and project implementation capacity. The TA facility will be demand-driven to ensure ownership by, and commitment from, the executing and implementing agencies.</p> <p>The TA facility will support project preparation, including capacity-building, undertaking due diligence, and increasing project readiness for ensuing investment projects, including those identified in the country operations business plan for India, 2019-2021. It will initially support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ara Canal Water Productivity Improvement Project (formerly Bihar Irrigation Project);</li> <li>(ii) Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture and Irrigation Value-Addition Project;</li> <li>(iii) Capacity Development for Irrigation Management and due-diligence for new projects including Upper Bhadra Project and Lower Suktel Irrigation Project;</li> <li>(iv) Assam Flood and Riverbank Erosion Protection Project (follow-on loan 2020);</li> <li>(v) Maharashtra Sustainable Coastal Protection and Management;</li> <li>(vi) Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project; and</li> <li>(vii) Preparation of Maharashtra Agribusiness Network Project.</li> </ul>	
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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	Cauvery River, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka	
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 consultants will be competitively engaged by ADB in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the associated project administration instructions/TA Staff Instructions
Procurement	Not applicable

Responsible ADB Officer	L'Hostis, Marie
Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	Department of Economic Affairs Ministry of Finance Room No. 40-B North Block New Delhi-110001, India

Timetable

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

## TA 9738-IND

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000,000.00	-	0.00

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