



Regional: Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2020-2024 (Cluster TA)

Project Name	Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2020-2024 (Cluster TA)	
Project Number	53354-001	
Country	Regional	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2020-2024	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 6.50 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Rural water policy, institutional and capacity development Education - Education sector development Energy - Energy sector development and institutional reform Finance - Finance sector development - Inclusive finance - Small and medium enterprise finance and leasing Health - Health sector development and reform Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development Public sector management - Public administration Transport - Transport policies and institutional development - Urban roads and traffic management Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development - Urban water supply	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	<p>The proposed cluster knowledge and support technical assistance (C-KSTA) will support a strategic mix of evaluations over the medium term. IED draws on resources from both its annual administrative budget and knowledge and support technical assistance (KSTA) resources to deliver its work program of evaluations and knowledge work. By combining these resources, IED can plan and deliver timely, relevant, and high-quality evaluations and knowledge activities. This C- KSTA for 2020-2024 follows an earlier cluster TA approved for IED in 2016 to support corporate, thematic, country, and sector evaluations and validations and related knowledge and outreach activities. Like the first one, this proposed cluster TA will support the delivery of a mix of evaluations and validations, including some complementary knowledge and outreach activities. The C KSTA will be divided into three subprojects. Subproject 1 will support the delivery of evaluations to be mobilized in 2020 and completed through 2022, as set out in the IED Work Program 2021-2022. Subproject 2 is structured along the same lines and will support the delivery of evaluations in 2022 2023, based on the next three-year work program for 2022 2023. Subproject 3 will support the delivery of evaluations in 2023 2024, based on the work program cycle for 2023 2024.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>1.Evaluation is a central component of corporate governance in multilateral development banks. In the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Independent Evaluation Department (IED) plays a critical role in supporting ADB deliver on its mandate by continually and objectively assessing its operations, policies, performance, and results. The independent evaluation function serves the unique and singular purpose of helping the Board of Directors, Management, and member countries determine whether resources have been well spent and planned outcomes have been achieved. This improves planning, design, and implementation of future ADB policies and operations and facilitates learning, accountability, and resource allocation.</p> <p>2.Independent evaluation aims to help improve the development effectiveness of ADB and countries in the Asia and Pacific region. Through evaluation, IED aims to help ADB and member countries achieve better development results. In line with Strategy 2030, evaluation intends to shed light on some critical issues and challenges facing the region, including strengthening resilience, tackling climate change and environmental degradation, sustaining inclusive growth and poverty reduction, and boosting private sector development.</p> <p>3.Evaluations combined with knowledge, outreach, and partnerships increase impact. In addition to the core business of conducting evaluations, IED has a knowledge management role. To raise the impacts of its evaluations, it conducts outreach, learning, and capacity development activities both within ADB and in member countries. It also actively engages with a wide range of partners on issues and initiatives of common interest.</p> <p>4.IED operates in line with internationally accepted principles. IED follows good practice standards for evaluation of development assistance and is guided by the principles of impartiality and independence, credibility, usefulness, and partnership. Moreover, independent evaluation is carried out at a distance from those responsible for project or program design and implementation and without conflict of interest.</p>	
Impact	Development effectiveness of ADB operations, policies, strategies, and business processes improved	
Outcome	Use of evaluations and their recommendations by the Board, Development Effectiveness Committee (DEC), ADB Management and Staff, and broader stakeholders increased.	

Outputs Corporate and Thematic Evaluations: a strategic mix of high-quality corporate and thematic evaluations with direct relevance to Strategy 2030 delivered.
Country and Sub-regional Evaluations and Validations: country and sub-regional evaluations delivered and feeding directly into ADB Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) planning and Board approval cycles.
Sector Evaluations: sector-assistance program evaluations, sector-wide evaluations, and sector synthesis notes delivered and informing ADB sector plans and operations.
Complementary and Quick Turn-around Evaluation Work: systematic reviews, topical papers, and quick turn-around evaluation work and research delivered.

Geographical Location Regional

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design The inception stage of evaluations begin with the preparation of an approach paper. Data collection from documentation and files is followed up with consultations with ADB Management and staff and, where appropriate, various institutions in government and civil society, including development partners and nongovernment organizations.

During Project Implementation Evaluation teams will conduct field visits and occasional surveys. Field interviews include meetings with ADB missions, various institutions in government and civil society, including development partner and nongovernment organizations. A mission agenda is firmed up at the evaluation approach paper stage. Where appropriate, and mandatory in the case of country-level and project-level evaluations, draft reports will be sent to government and other stakeholders for feedback.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services IED will engage consultants (either on individual or resource person arrangement) in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy and Regulations (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. Lump-sum or output-based contracts will be used as appropriate. The selection of consultants Use of a consulting firm or entity (along with the selection method and type of technical proposal) will be assessed at the concept or EAP stage. About 209 consultants (583 person-months) from 2020-2024 comprising 75 international consultants (189 person-months), 106 national consultants (394 person-months) and 28 international resource persons (12 person-months), from 2020 up to 2024. Annual consultant requirements for IED's core evaluation work are 75 international consultants (63 person-months); 35 national consultants (131 person-months) and 18 resource persons (4 person-months). At least 6 international consultants (2 person-months) and 15 national consultants (30 person-months) is allocated for complementary evaluation work, knowledge sharing, information systems and networking.

Procurement Purchase of tools, supplies and services for core evaluation and dissemination work such as conducting seminars, and/or workshops; and surveys will be undertaken in accordance with the ADB Procurement Policy and Regulations (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. IED will coordinate with the Controllers' Department; Office of Administrative Services; Office of the General Counsel, Office of Information Systems and Technology; and the Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department; where needed. After the TA is completed, any procured equipment will be disposed of in compliance with Administering Grant-Financed Technical Assistance Projects in the Project Administration Instructions.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	30 Apr 2020
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	19 May 2020

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