



Regional: Creating Investable Cities in a Post-COVID-19 Asia and the Pacific — Enhancing Competitiveness and Resilience through Quality Infrastructure

Project Name	Creating Investable Cities in a Post-COVID-19 Asia and the Pacific — Enhancing Competitiveness and Resilience through Quality Infrastructure	
Project Number	54036-001	
Country	Regional/Bangladesh/Georgia/India/Indonesia/Kazakhstan/Malaysia/Pakistan/Philippines/Papua New Guinea/China, People's Republic of Sri Lanka/Thailand/Uzbekistan/Viet Nam	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6588-REG: Creating Investable Cities: Developing Quality Municipal Infrastructure	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.79 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Decentralization - Public expenditure and fiscal management Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Other urban services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	More than 95% of all coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases, are in urban areas. COVID-19 has exposed the vulnerabilities of developing member country (DMC) cities, which are on the front line of COVID-19 containment efforts. The benefits of urban agglomeration, such as high density, lower mobility costs, and improved regional and international connectivity, that have made DMC cities the engines of economic growth in Asia and the Pacific have left cities exposed to the risks of COVID-19 a major challenge in the fight against the pandemic. COVID-19 provides an impetus to strengthen DMC cities' financial resiliency and domestic resource mobilization, and build their capacity to erect quality infrastructure to _build back better_ and drive economic recovery efforts across the region.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	This project will leverage Asian Development Bank (ADB) resources, knowledge, and partnerships to help cities in DMCs increase their technical, financial, and managerial capacity to develop quality municipal infrastructure and improve their competitiveness and resilience post-COVID-19. The TA is aligned with ADB's Strategy 2030 and its operational priorities, in particular priority 4 (making cities more livable) and priority 6 (strengthening governance and institutional capacity). The TA is also aligned with the operational plan for private sector operations, 2019 2024 and is included in the 2020 work plan of ADB's Public Private Partnership Thematic Group.	
Impact	Increase in municipal QII	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Capacity for early-stage identification and preparation of quality infrastructure increased.	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Frameworks to improve cities' ability to implement QII developed. City credit-rating tool developed. Cities' capacity to implement quality Partner city action plans developed to support early-stage QII pipelines.	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Bangladesh - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; India - Nation-wide; Indonesia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Malaysia - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Papua New Guinea - Nation-wide; Philippines - Nation-wide; Sri Lanka - Nation-wide; Thailand - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide; Viet Nam - 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	
Responsible ADB Officer	Grover, Sanjay
Responsible ADB Department	OPPP
Responsible ADB Division	OPOH
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City 1550, Philippines

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	17 Sep 2020
Fact Finding	23 Jan 2020 to 23 Jan 2020
MRM	-
Approval	05 Nov 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	05 Nov 2020

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ADB	Cofinancing	Financing Plan/TA Utilization				Total	Cumulative Disbursements	
		Counterpart					Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
10,734,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	

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