



Regional: Promoting Innovations in Regional Cooperation and Integration in the Aftermath of COVID-19

Project Name	Promoting Innovations in Regional Cooperation and Integration in the Aftermath of COVID-19				
Project Number	54127-001				
Country	Regional				
Project Status	Proposed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA: Implementing Regional Cooperation and Integration Across Subregions</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund</td> <td>US\$ 500,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	TA: Implementing Regional Cooperation and Integration Across Subregions		Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund	US\$ 500,000.00
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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	Health - Disease control of communicable disease Industry and trade - Small and medium enterprise development - Trade and services Transport - Multimodal logistics				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements				
Description	The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) aims to promote innovations in implementing Strategy 2030 Operational Plan for Priority 7 (OP7) by (i) supporting sector and/or subsector diversification in RCI; (ii) exploring opportunities in inter-subregional cooperation; and (iii) supporting the developing member countries (DMCs) that have lagged in RCI. To the extent possible, the TA will integrate considerations and measures to address the risks posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA will support implementation of OP7 by addressing selectively some of the most pressing needs of DMCs for medium-term post COVID-19 recovery in the areas of (i) developing higher-quality connectivity, focusing on greening and improving the resilience of maritime transport; (ii) expanding regional and global trade and investment, focusing on the development of resilient regional service value chains and support to SMEs through regional financial cooperation; and (iii) supporting SIDS in mitigating climate change and transboundary health risks. While the proposed TA is not intended to be an immediate response to the COVID-19 crisis, due consideration has been given to the need for integrating health resilience in RCI operations over the medium term by mitigating accentuated risks to maritime goods trade growth recovery, promoting wider socially inclusive benefits from trade and investment, and reducing post pandemic impacts on environmental sustainability.				
Impact	Inclusive, sustainable and resilient intra and inter-subregional cooperation and integration in Asia and the Pacific strengthened (Strategy 2030 Operational Plan for Priority 7: Fostering Regional Cooperation and Integration, 2019 2024)				
Outcome	Innovative RCI operations in the areas of connectivity, trade and investment, and RPGs increased				
Outputs	Best practices for green and resilient port development adopted and investment opportunities developed Initiatives for improving the resilience of regional service value chains developed and implemented Post pandemic recovery of vulnerable small and medium-sized enterprises supported Opportunities to cooperate for resilient and sustainable livelihoods in atolls identified and implemented				
Geographical Location	Regional				
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects					
Environmental Aspects					
Involuntary Resettlement					
Indigenous Peoples					
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation					
During Project Design	The need for the TA was discussed with DMCs on various occasions, including during the 2019 RCI conference.				
During Project Implementation	Consultation with various stakeholders will be conducted during TA implementation, and information will be updated regularly.				
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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	25 May 2020
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MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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