



Regional: Supporting Startup Ecosystem in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Region to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 and Support Economic Revival

Project Name	Supporting Startup Ecosystem in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Region to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 and Support Economic Revival							
Project Number	54341-001							
Country	RegionalAfghanistanAzerbaijanGeorgiaKazakhstanKyrgyz RepublicMongoliaPakistanChina, People's Republic ofTajikistanTurkmenistanUzbekistan							
Project Status	Active							
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance							
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 6602-REG: Supporting Startup Ecosystem in the CAREC Region to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 and Support Economic Revival</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 500,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund</td> <td>US\$ 500,000.00</td> </tr> </table>		TA 6602-REG: Supporting Startup Ecosystem in the CAREC Region to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 and Support Economic Revival		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 500,000.00	Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund	US\$ 500,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration							
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development							
Sector / Subsector	Information and communication technology - ICT industries and ICT-enabled services - ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development							
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements							
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will help the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) countries address challenges posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and support economic revival using information and communication technologies (ICTs) and digital technologies. The TA will support the following activities: (i) implementing CAREC initiatives on digital transformation, and (ii) supporting startup ecosystem development in the CAREC region.							
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy								
Impact	Sustainable and shared digital development for economic growth in the CAREC region							
Project Outcome								
Description of Outcome	Enhanced use of ICTs and digital technologies to mitigate direct and economic impact of COVID-19 and enable economic revival in the region through increased cooperation among CAREC countries							
Progress Toward Outcome								
Implementation Progress								
Description of Project Outputs	CAREC initiatives on digital transformation implemented Start-up ecosystem development for CAREC countries supported							
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)								
Geographical Location	Afghanistan - Nation-wide; Azerbaijan - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Mongolia - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Tajikistan - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - 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								

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	To be selected and engaged by ADB - Team of individual consultants formed by international experts (19 person-months) and national experts (46 person-months) - Resource persons (international and national, 4.5 person-months)
Procurement	To be procured by the executing agency Procurement of equipment will follow ADB procurement guidelines.
Responsible ADB Officer	Paracha, Saad Abdullah
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Div, CWRD
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City 1550, Philippines
Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	18 Nov 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	18 Nov 2020

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

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