



# Philippines: EdTech Solutions for Last Mile Schools in COVID-19

Project Name	EdTech Solutions for Last Mile Schools in COVID-19
Project Number	54404-001
Country	Philippines
Project Status	Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions Partnerships
Sector / Subsector	Education - Education sector development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the Department of Education (DepEd) of the Philippines in operationalizing the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan (LCP), which will enable students to continue learning through blended learning modalities during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The TA will build the DepEd capacity and support distance education by developing content, training teachers, and piloting education technology (edtech) solutions to ensure that secondary school students have access to quality education throughout school year (SY) 2020/21 and beyond. The pilot will use low-cost tablets to be connected to a local area network (LAN) supported by a solar-powered battery antenna, and target learners in selected school divisions. The content will be accessible nationwide through DepEd platforms. The TA responds to the request of the Government of the Philippines to support the continued learning of secondary school students from disadvantaged households that are enrolled in so-called "last mile schools" (LMSs).
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA is not in the country operations business plan, 2020-2022. It is aligned with the country partnership strategy, 2018-2023 of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Philippines, which supports broader access to quality secondary education. It will complement ADB's Secondary Education Support Program, and the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino conditional cash transfer program, which provides education grants to poor households with children younger than 18 years old. The TA is aligned with operational priority 1 (addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities) and operational priority 2 (accelerating progress in gender equality) of ADB's Strategy 2030. It will contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 4 by protecting the basic rights of thousands of students to quality education.
Impact	Opportunities for human development equalized
Outcome	Secondary education learning continuity strengthened in the time of COVID-19
Outputs	Content for blended learning in secondary education developed Low-cost edtech solution for distance education piloted Technical expertise and training in sustaining blended learning provided
Geographical Location	Nation-wide
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	
<b>Business Opportunities</b>	
Consulting Services	ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated staff instructions. The terms of reference of the consultants will include the procurement of goods under the TA, but payments for goods for pilot testing will be made directly to suppliers using direct payment procedure in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2020, as amended from time to time).
Procurement	Procurement will follow the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).
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Responsible ADB Department	Southeast Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Human and Social Development Division, SERD
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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	27 Oct 2020
Fact Finding	28 Oct 2020 to 28 Oct 2020
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	01 Dec 2020

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