



Sri Lanka: Supporting National Development Planning towards Recovery from COVID-19

Project Name	Supporting National Development Planning towards Recovery from COVID-19				
Project Number	54409-001				
Country	Sri Lanka				
Project Status	Proposed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA: Supporting National Development Planning towards Recovery from COVID-19</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 500,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	TA: Supporting National Development Planning towards Recovery from COVID-19		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 500,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions				
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development Education - Technical and vocational education and training Health - Health sector development and reform Public sector management - Social protection initiatives				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements				
Description	To support the government with its post-COVID-19 recovery efforts and implementation of the NPF, ADB needs to respond with curated knowledge solutions in a time-bound fashion. The TA will support the government's planning and policy formulation with analytical studies, policy briefs, and technical reports on sectoral and thematic issues; undertaking surveys and data analysis; and capacity development.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Guided by the 10 key policy areas in the National Policy Framework (NPF), the government is now focused on recovery from the pandemic and making systems resilient to face future crises of similar scale. The NPF envisages a knowledge-based economy through human resource development by increasing investments in healthcare and education. Agriculture policy will focus on using advanced technological innovations and ensuring food security. NPF emphasizes improving the business environment; improving exports; tackling the budget deficit; increasing value addition by small- and medium-sized industries; reducing the unskilled category of labor and increasing women's labor force participation. Under NPF a framework will be established for improving social protection and welfare of low income earners. Integrated planning and spatial approach will be used to address rural-urban gaps and disparities in urbanization. Ensuring water for all for drinking and agriculture purposes is a key objective of the NPF. NPF seeks to strengthen disaster management and disaster warning systems, and ensuring data availability for informed decision making, and mitigating the human-elephant conflict. A crucial aspect of post-COVID-19 recovery will be access and deployment of vaccine through a well-crafted vaccination strategy.				
Impact	Capacity of government agencies to respond to shocks and fast-track recovery enhanced. (Defined by TA)				
Outcome	In developing policies and programs, skills and knowledge of government officials on system strengthening and resilience, applied				
Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge products on priority sectors developed 2. Government officials skills and knowledge on tools and methodologies improved 3. Findings of knowledge products widely disseminated 				
Geographical Location	Nation-wide				
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects					
Environmental Aspects					
Involuntary Resettlement					
Indigenous Peoples					
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation					
During Project Design	The TA was designed in response to a request made by the National Planning Department. Discussion were held with National Planning Department and the External Resources Department during project design to determine the scope of the TA and the implementation arrangements. .				
During Project Implementation	ADB will closely coordinate with the National Planning Department, which is the Executing Agency for the TA, during implementation. ADB will also discuss with line agencies in identifying specific activities to be supported under the TA.				
Business Opportunities					
Consulting Services	ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions				
Procurement	Not applicable				
Responsible ADB Officer	Kumar, Utsav				
Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department				

Responsible ADB Division	Sri Lanka Resident Mission
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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	04 Nov 2020
Fact Finding	06 Nov 2020 to 06 Nov 2020
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	10 Nov 2020

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