



China, People's Republic of: Policy Research and Capacity Building to Strengthen Rural Economies in the Southwest Region of the People's Republic of China

Project Name	Policy Research and Capacity Building to Strengthen Rural Economies in the Southwest Region of the People's Republic of China					
Project Number	55065-001					
Country	China, People's Republic of					
Project Status	Approved					
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance					
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 6842-PRC: Policy Research and Capacity Building to Strengthen Rural Economies in the Southwest Region of the People's Republic of China</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 300,000.00</td> </tr> </table>		TA 6842-PRC: Policy Research and Capacity Building to Strengthen Rural Economies in the Southwest Region of the People's Republic of China		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 300,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth					
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development					
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Rural water policy, institutional and capacity development Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development					
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements					
Description	<p>The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the preparation of a comprehensive study evaluating the policies needed to build a firm foundation of income opportunities to protect and improve the lives of the rural low-income population in the southwest region of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Paying particular attention to Guizhou province, the TA will support the preparation of policy recommendations to strengthen both agriculture and non-agriculture sectors that have the most impact in ensuring labor income opportunities of the rural low-income population. The TA will help bring the low-income population to a better state and include them in the development process by strengthening economic activities in the southwestern region of the PRC.</p>					
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>While the PRC has made tremendous progress in reducing poverty approximately 850 million people have emerged out of absolute poverty in the last four decades rapid growth has also given rise to new concerns, including social inequality. The country announced in February 2021 that it eradicated absolute poverty. However, gains from rapid growth have not been shared evenly, with the PRC's Gini coefficient remaining at a relatively high level above 0.46 over the past years.</p> <p>Guizhou is one of the lower-income provinces in the PRC. In 2019, its gross domestic product per capita was at CNY46,433 or 65.8% of the PRC average (CNY70,581). In 2017, its poverty rate of 7.75% was more than double the national rate of 3.10%. In support of the national government's innovative approach of inclusive development, the Guizhou Provincial Government identified and started developing key industries that have a strong potential to create labor income opportunities, such as ecological poultry, farming, tea, edible fungus cultivation, Chinese medicine herbs cultivation, and tourism.</p> <p>Despite these efforts, further development is needed, particularly in rural areas, where resource utilization is limited. Strengthening rural economies to ensure labor income opportunities for the rural low-income population in the southwest PRC is a key concern. Policies are needed to build a firm foundation of labor income opportunities to protect and improve the lives of the rural low-income population in the southwest region of the PRC. There is also a need to further understand how the changing national and global contexts affect the local economy. This has become even more important following the PRC's achievement of its goal of absolute poverty eradication in 2020 which saw low-income households starting to seek more stable and higher labor income streams. Investigating the various factors of production between urban and rural areas, strengthening of farm and non-farm income streams, reducing labor income gap within the region, and promoting a coordinated and new regional development approach to provide sustainable labor income opportunities is needed.</p>					
Impact	Green, high quality development achieved, especially across in southwest region of the PRC achieved (14th Five Year Plan)					
Project Outcome						
Description of Outcome	Strategies and policies to strengthen the existing economic foundation in both the agriculture and non-agriculture sectors in the southwest region improved					
Progress Toward Outcome						
Implementation Progress						
Description of Project Outputs	<p>Study on strengthening rural economies that ensures opportunities of the rural low-income population in the southwest PRC completed</p> <p>Policy advice on strengthening rural economies that ensures labor income opportunities of the rural low-income population in the southwest PRC finalized</p> <p>Understanding of local government officials and enterprise management of approaches to sustainable operations strengthened and implemented</p>					
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)						
Geographical Location	Guizhou					

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	consultation with EA and IA in the design, components, and implementation details of the TA. Fact-finding mission was held on 31 August, and 1 and 10 September 2021.
During Project Implementation	

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	Firm: Consultants' Qualification Selection (CQS): policy research and capacity building team (lead specialist, agriculture economist, regional economist, economic analyst, area specialists): \$194,100 Individual: individual consultants' selection: Resource persons: \$20,400 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	ADB will engage the consultants and carry out procurement following ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	25 Jun 2021
Fact Finding	31 Aug 2021 to 10 Sep 2021
MRM	-
Approval	29 Nov 2021
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	29 Nov 2021

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
300,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300,000.00	-	0.00

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