



Tajikistan: Enhancing Climate Resilience in the Pyanj River Basin

Project Name	Enhancing Climate Resilience in the Pyanj River Basin	
Project Number	55217-001	
Country	Tajikistan	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6824-TAJ: Enhancing Climate-Resilience in the Pyanj River Basin in Tajikistan	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
	Climate Change Fund	US\$ 300,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Agricultural production - Water-based natural resources management	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The transaction technical assistance (TA) facility will provide project preparation support, capacity building and policy advice to a series of ensuing projects in the agriculture, natural resources and rural development (ANR) sector in Tajikistan aligned with ADB's Strategy 2030. En ensuing projects comprise of the Project Readiness Financing (PRF) to support climate-adaptive investments in the ANR sector, the Rural Productivity Enhancement Sector Project, and the Climate Change Adaptation Project, listed in the latest Country Operations Business Plan for Tajikistan.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Strong, but volatile sector growth. Since 2010, the agriculture sector experienced volatile but strong average growth rates of about 6% each year. The sector continues to play an important role in the country's overall economy as it accounts for more than half of the country's total employment, and contributes around 22% to the gross domestic product (GDP) in 2019. Around 73% (over 5 million) of the Tajik population live in rural areas where small-scale household farming is the major source of income. Cotton and wheat are the primary crops that are planted on nearly three quarters of the entire cultivated area.</p> <p>Persistent rural poverty. The proportion of population living below the national poverty line decreased from around 34% in 2013 to 26% in 2019, with a wide urban-rural divide. While urban poverty declined from 22% to 18%, rural poverty remained at very high levels of 30% between 2018 and 2019. There are also considerable regional differences. The urban center of Dushanbe and the Sughd Region experienced a poverty rate of 19% and 15% in 2019, respectively, while the Khatlon Region and the Districts of Republican Subordination experienced rates of around 30%. Average national-wide progress is also under serious threat due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic as poverty reduction rates are expected to decelerate, disproportionately affecting rural communities.</p> <p>Remaining food security and nutrition challenges. The country is highly vulnerable to food insecurity and malnutrition. Already before COVID-19, the prevalence of moderate to severe food insecurity stood at around 30% in 2019, almost double the 16% average for Central Asia. At the peak of the pandemic in 2020, around two in five people reported a reduction in their food consumption, far above the rates of prior years. On average, households spend more than half of their income on food, making them highly susceptible to any food price changes. In addition, the country's landlocked location, long winters, high exposure to climate change impacts, natural shocks and seasonality in food production further limit its access (nutritious) food.</p> <p>Feminization of agriculture. Tajikistan ranks 123rd out of 148 countries on the global gender gap index, scoring low on women's economic participation and political empowerment. The high level of male outmigration has led to a substantial increase in women's responsibilities in agriculture. The proportion of women in the agricultural labor force has increased from 54% in 1999 to more than 60% in 2019. Yet, women do not have equal access to knowledge and inputs for improved agricultural productivity.</p>	
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Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Pyandzh Amu Darya	
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 For project preparatory assignments, firms will be empaneled through framework agreements. The empanelment process will follow the quality- and cost-based selection method (QCBS) with 90:10 ratio with a full technical proposal. The QCBS package will be procured in two steps. First, up to six consulting firms will be selected as prequalified consultants that are eligible to submit proposals for preparation of all the ensuing projects under the TA facility. Second, one of these prequalified consultants will be selected through the QCBS method to prepare a specific ensuing project once the project concept is approved.

Procurement Procurement of office equipment, if any, will be through the consultants' contract.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	12 Nov 2021
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	15 Nov 2021

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,300,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,300,000.00	-	0.00

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