



# Regional: Improving Access and Strengthening Innovations for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Selected Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Countries and the Caucasus

Project Name	Improving Access and Strengthening Innovations for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Selected Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Countries and the Caucasus		
Project Number	55287-001		
Country / Economy	Regional Armenia Georgia Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Pakistan Tajikistan Uzbekistan		
Project Status	Active		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6923-REG: Improving Access and Strengthening Innovations for WASH in Central Asia		
	People's Republic of China Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund		US\$ 800,000.00
	Water Financing Facility - Multidonor TF		US\$ 100,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Urban sanitation - Urban water supply		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will develop a set of technical, institutional, and policy tools to improve access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) systems for the most underserved communities and populations, including women, vulnerable groups such as children and people with special needs in seven countries within the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) region and Caucasus.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA is expected (i) to strengthen WASH components and integration of water, sanitation, hygiene, and health (WASH+H) in projects under Urban Development and Water Division (CWUW) of ADB's Central and West Asia Department; and (ii) to apply COVID-19 infection prevention and control principles in the preparation and implementation of CWUWs projects, resulting in healthier populations in CAREC region through an inclusive, gender-sensitive, effective, and sustainable approach.		
Impact	Access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) systems for the most underserved communities and populations, including the most vulnerable groups in CAREC region and the Caucasus improved (CAREC 2030: Connecting the Region for Shared and Sustainable Development).		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome	Increased uptake of COVID-19 related WASH actions through ADB and DMC-funded projects, strategies, and programs.		
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs	Support to project preparation and interventions on COVID-19 infection prevention and control, and WASH+H-related activities delivered. Comprehensive system of knowledge exchange, capacity building and dissemination of WASH best practices established.		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)			
Geographical Location	Armenia - Nation-wide, Armenia; Georgia - Nation-wide, Georgia; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide, Kazakhstan; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide, Kyrgyzstan; Pakistan - Nation-wide, Pakistan; Tajikistan - Nation-wide, Tajikistan; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide, Uzbekistan		
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

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Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Urban Development and Water Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City 1550, Philippines

#### Timetable

Concept Clearance	07 Feb 2022
Fact Finding	06 Aug 2021 to 06 Aug 2021
MRM	-
Approval	12 Jun 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	12 Jun 2022

## TA 6923-REG

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	900,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900,000.00	-	0.00

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