



Regional: Expanding Connectivity and Affordability to Address the Digital Divide

Project Name	Expanding Connectivity and Affordability to Address the Digital Divide		
Project Number	55355-001		
Country / Economy	Regional Cambodia Philippines Vanuatu		
Project Status	Active		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6954-REG: Expanding Connectivity and Affordability to Address the Digital Divide		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 1.00 million
	High Level Technology Fund		US\$ 750,000.00
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	Multisector / ADB's corporate management, policy and strategy development		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements		
Description			
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy			
Impact	Digital connectivity improved for closing the digital divide in select DMCs improved Digital infrastructure improved, including fixed and wireless networks, especially for the underserved remote and rural areas Access to technologies and knowledge to disadvantaged segments of society enhanced		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome	Digital connectivity support for closing the digital divide in select DMCs increased		
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs	Innovative and affordable digital connectivity solutions and business models demonstrated Investment strategies for digital infrastructure strengthened Knowledge and partnerships to improve on digital connectivity enhanced		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)			
Geographical Location	Cambodia - Nation-wide; Philippines - Nation-wide; Vanuatu - Nation-wide		
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	The TA will engage international and national consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time).		
Procurement	The TA will purchase hardware equipment (e.g., user terminals) for the pilot described above either directly or through the consultants and/or external partners. The purchase will follow ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time).		

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Responsible ADB Department	Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department
Responsible ADB Division	SDCC-DT
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	06 Jun 2022
Fact Finding	05 May 2022 to 06 May 2022
MRM	-
Approval	19 Sep 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	19 Sep 2022

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,000,000.00	750,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,750,000.00	-	0.00

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