



China, People's Republic of: Guangdong Rural Green Development Evaluation Indicators and Policy Integration Study

Project Name	Guangdong Rural Green Development Evaluation Indicators and Policy Integration Study	
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Country / Economy	China, People's Republic of	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 10028-PRC: Guangdong Rural Green Development Evaluation Indicators and Policy Integration Study	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 300,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth 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 - Rural water policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	<p>The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the preparation of an evaluation system and policies for rural green development for Guangdong Province in line with the priorities of the rural vitalization strategy and the Fourteenth Five-Year Plan of the People's Republic of China (PRC). The TA will leverage the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) knowledge, finance, and partnerships to: (i) identify institutional and policy constraints to rural growth and inclusion; (ii) develop an effective monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system; and (iii) utilize green financing to coordinate urban and rural development and create synergetic results. The TA will improve relevant capacity for research and evaluation, planning and management, and enhancing resource mobilization for effective decision-making, including key knowledge and support for innovative green financing solutions for rural development in Guangdong. The proposed TA is a cost recovery TA. The TA will be implemented under ADB's country partnership strategy, 20212025 for the PRC.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Guangdong is a major economic province in the country, and its total gross domestic product has ranked first in the country for 33 consecutive years since 1989. Being a forerunner in terms of economic development, Guangdong has suffered from environmental degradation and ecological imbalance due to high energy consumption and high emissions. Rapid industrialization and urbanization have also caused structural imbalances in Guangdong's economic and social development. Rural areas have borne the brunt of rapid urban industrialization and face greater urban-rural differences. Guangdong's rural industrial structure is characterized by low efficiency and has experienced serious labor losses due to migration to urban areas. There is an urgent need for the province to accelerate technological innovation and to promote green agriculture to achieve growth in rural industries, ecological livability, improved rural customs, effective governance, and prosperous lives of citizens. The three key challenges identified to promote Guangdong's rural green development are: (i) lack of evaluation indicators system for rural green development, (ii) inconsistency in some policies and regulations issued by government agencies at different levels, and (iii) a lack of green financing for rural development.</p> <p>Guangdong has issued a series of fiscal, financial, and technological innovation policies to support rural revitalization and green development. However, fragmentation and inadequate coordination, as well as the lack of in-depth, modern research systems to support evidence-based decision-making constrains Guangdong's aim of having a high-quality rural green development evaluation system. There is lack of systematic research on the mode and path of how green development leads to rural revitalization, especially the lack of policy-oriented definitions and evaluation standards leading to high-quality green development in rural areas. The problem of access to financing of rural green projects is due to the lack of financing policy guidelines for financial institutions, unbalanced resource allocation, and inadequate financing models to support rural green development.</p> <p>To this end, the TA aims to integrate the concept of green development into the rural vitalization strategy. The TA will help to establish a national rural high-quality green development demonstration zone through research in Guangdong province and propose an innovative model and path of coordinated green development in the developed areas of the Pearl River Delta, and less developed areas in the east, west, and north of Guangdong. The latter areas will be selected to carry-out research on mechanisms to determine evaluation standards, indicators, and methods for rural high-quality green development. The TA will identify key constraints and issues of rural green development in the rural vitalization. It is aligned with four of operational priorities (OP) of ADB's Strategy 2030.</p>	
Impact	Rural vitalization strategy mainstreamed in rural areas of Guangdong Province (National Strategic Plan for Rural Vitalization)	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Evaluation indicators and policy integration for rural green development improved	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Capacity for rural green development strengthened Evaluation system and indicators for green development proposed Policy advice for rural green development finalized	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	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	
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Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, EARD
Executing Agencies	Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of Guangdong Province
Timetable	
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Fact Finding	19 Sep 2022 to 22 Sep 2022
MRM	-
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Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	09 Dec 2022

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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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