



# Regional: Strengthening Vocational High Schools in South Asia

Project Name	Strengthening Vocational High Schools in South Asia							
Project Number	56089-001							
Country / Economy	Regional Bangladesh Bhutan Maldives Nepal Sri Lanka							
Project Status	Active							
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance							
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 10058-REG: Strengthening Vocational High Schools in South Asia</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 270,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund</td> <td>US\$ 750,000.00</td> </tr> </table>		TA 10058-REG: Strengthening Vocational High Schools in South Asia		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 270,000.00	Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund	US\$ 750,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth							
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development							
Sector / Subsector	Education / Education sector development - Technical and vocational education and training							
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming							
Description	Vocational high schools have the potential to improve employability, productivity, and livelihoods of young workers in developing member countries (DMCs). However, since the pandemic the quality of learning at the vocational high schools in DMCs have dropped due to difficulty in delivering practical training. Republic of Korea's vocational high school system played most important role in its economic development and can be a good example for DMCs. The TA will strengthen vocational high schools in South Asia DMCs by providing students and teachers in South Asia DMCs with the opportunity to visit Seoul's vocational high schools and organizing knowledge sharing activities.							
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education (SMOE) will provide vocational high school students and teachers from 6 South Asia DMCs with study visits from 2023 to 2025. The participants will attend one-week workshops held at vocational high schools in Seoul and during the workshop, DMCs' students and Korean students conduct joint projects on specific topics. After the workshops Korean students and teachers will have follow-up visits to 6 South Asia DMCs. ADB will engage individual consultants to provide international and national consulting input. The international consultant will carry out knowledge sharing events for the dissemination of knowledge products related to the Republic of Korea's vocational high school system. National consultants will be contracted to conduct a diagnostic study on each DMC's vocational high school system. The outputs of the TA are (i) skills and employability of DMCs' youth strengthened; (ii) capacity of DMCs' vocational high schools enhanced.							
Impact	Skills formation process for South Asian DMCs' labor markets diversified							
<b>Project Outcome</b>								
Description of Outcome	Design and delivery of vocational high school education in South Asian DMCs enhanced							
Progress Toward Outcome								
<b>Implementation Progress</b>								
Description of Project Outputs	Knowledge of challenges and opportunities for vocational high school education in South Asia enhanced Capacity of vocational high school stakeholders in South Asian DMCs strengthened Knowledge sharing and dissemination facilitated							
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)								
Geographical Location	Bangladesh - Nation-wide; Bhutan - Nation-wide; Maldives - Nation-wide; Nepal - Nation-wide; Sri Lanka - Nation-wide							
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>								
Environmental Aspects								
Involuntary Resettlement								
Indigenous Peoples								
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>								
During Project Design								
During Project Implementation								

**Business Opportunities**

Consulting Services ADB will engage consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. Consultants will be recruited individually because (i) they will operate in different countries, (ii) the timing of engagement will differ between countries, (iii) they will work and generate outputs independent of one another, and (iv) consultant management will be performed by staff of the SAHS. TA-financed software, goods, equipment, and consumables will be procured through consultants engaged by ADB.

Procurement Not applicable

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 Executing Agencies Asian Development Bank

**Timetable**

Concept Clearance 29 Sep 2022  
 Fact Finding -  
 MRM -  
 Approval 19 Dec 2022  
 Last Review Mission -  
 Last PDS Update 19 Dec 2022

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
270,000.00	750,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,020,000.00	-	0.00

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