

## Kyrgyz Republic: Strengthening Governance and Anti-Corruption in the Kyrgyz Republic

Project Name	Strengthening Governance and Anti-Corruption in the Kyrgyz Republic
Project Number	56347-001
Country / Economy	Kyrgyz Republic
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 10075-KGZ: Strengthening Anticorruption and Governance in the Kyrgyz Republic
	Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 225,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management / Public expenditure and fiscal management
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements
Description	ADB being a long-standing development partner of Kyrgyz Republic and helping government to achieve inclusive growth and good governance to reduce poverty. The corruption is an area which is globally considered a cause of poverty and also effect growth of private sector development. Promoting good governance and accountability functions in the country will help in achievement of ADB's investments to strengthen private sector for economic growth. The government is requesting ADB's support for the implementation of anti-corruption strategy and through this TA, ADB would be able to further strengthen its engagement with accountability institutions and other development partners who are supporting GOKR in combating corruption. The TA is in line with ADB's operational priority 6: strengthening governance and institutional capacity.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	In 2022, ADB has performed governance assessment (GA) for the Kyrgyz RepublicThe assessment team evaluated the performance of multiple public financial management (PFM) country systems, including procurement, along with overall anti-corruption efforts being made by the government. The performance of most of the PFM systems was considered as adequate, though some weaknesses were noted related to procurement, public investment etc. One of the key issues highlighted in the GA was the Transparency International (TI) 2021 Corruption Perception Index, which ranks the Kyrgyz Republic at 144 out of 180 countries and territories assessed, which is significantly lower than 2020 rank of 124 out of 180 countries and territories. Another important issue raised in the GA was the exclusion of procurement done by the joint stock companies, and state-owned enterprises (SOEs) from the new Public Procurement Law (PPL). The GA suggest an opportunity to develop Chamber of Accounts of Kyrgyz Republic's (COA) capacity to ensure that the procurement activities related to SOEs are audited by the COA, as such audits will help to combat corruption in the country.
Impact	The TA is aligned with the following impact: Strengthening control of corruption through effective anti-corruption measures.

## Project Outcome

Description of Outcome

The TA\_ will\_have the following\_ outcome: Improved governance through implementation of anti-corruption strategy and participatory audit. The design and monitoring framework is in Attachment 2.

Output 1: Facilitate roll-out of the Anti-Corruption Strategyand Action Plans. The TA will provide support for developing the Council's capacity through seminars, workshops, trainings and policy advice to implement the new Anti-Corruption Strategy and Anti-Corruption Action Plan, after approval of the strategy from the President. It will also support the Council in arranging stakeholders' consultation workshops to provide guidance on prioritization and sequencing of policy actions for effective results. Through consultation workshop and seminars, TA will support the government to disseminate and discuss implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and key actions with development partners and civil society organizations.

Output 2: Improved Capacity of Chamber of Audit (COA)to perform Participatory and procurement related Audits and Strengthen Communication with Stakeholders. The TA will support in COA's capacity development to perform participatory audits through trainings, development of procedures and guidance notes for systematic participation of CSOs to perform audit. It will also support in development of guidance notes and trainings to strengthen\_COA's capacity to\_regularly perform\_procurement related audit\_of\_public\_sector\_entities\_including\_majority\_state\_owned\_joint-stock companies\_and\_SOEs. In\_addition,\_the\_TA\_will\_also provide support to COA for development\_of\_communication\_strategy for\_effective\_communication with\_ the stakeholder. Through trainings, this\_TA\_will help\_COA to determine the appropriate channels and patterns of information

## Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

Geographical Location

Output 1: Facilitate roll-out of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plans.

Output 2: Improved Capacity of Chamber of Audit (COA) to perform Participatory and procurement related Audits and Strengthen Communication with Stakeholders.

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

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						
Responsible ADB Officer	Israr, Anjum					
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department					
Responsible ADB Division	Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division, CWRD					
Executing Agencies	Cabinet of Ministers					
Timetable						
Concept Clearance						
Fact Finding	17 Nov 2022 to 17 Nov 2022					
MRM	·					
Approval	19 Dec 2022					
Last Review Mission	·					
Last PDS Update	23 Dec 2022					

## TA 10075-KGZ

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	ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpar	Counterpart			Total	Date	Amount	
			Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor		Others			
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