



India: Supporting Education Systems Strengthening

Project Name
Supporting Education Systems Strengthening
Project Number
60175-001
Country / Economy

- India
- Project Status
Approved
- Project Type / Modality of Assistance
- Technical Assistance
- Source of Funding / Amount

TA 10816-IND: Supporting Education Systems Strengthening (Facility TA)	
Source	Amount
Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million

Sustainable Development Goals

- SDG 4.1
- SDG 4.2
- SDG 4.4
- Sector / Subsector
- Education /

Gender
Gender equality objective
Description

The proposed TA will support ADB in providing unique value additions in ongoing and future Asian Development Bank (ADB) school education projects for the Government of India. It will strengthen the capacity of India's executing and implementing agencies for (i) project preparation to enhance project design quality with finance-plus elements and project implementation readiness; (ii) project management of education projects in all aspects of implementation; and (iii) facilitate cross learning and adoption of innovative practices.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy
India remains one of the fastest-growing major economies, but a significant deficit in human capital development, specifically in learning outcomes, continues to constrain inclusive growth. While primary enrollment is near universal, the challenge has shifted to secondary education transition, quality of learning, and the digital divide. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 offers a strong framework to address these gaps, emphasizing the importance of early education, the acquisition of 21st-century skills such as critical thinking and digital literacy, the formal integration of vocational pathways into the secondary education curriculum, and promoting multiple entry-exit system for school-to-work transition.

In alignment with these national priorities, ADB is working toward supporting governments in strengthening education systems and designing interventions that prioritize improved learning outcomes and the development of skills essential for a modern economy. This approach focuses on high-quality project design that includes evidence-based interventions to ensure education financing is effective and efficient. This strategic focus moves ADB beyond traditional infrastructure financing to becoming a partner in systemic institutional reform.

The proposed TA is directly aligned with the upcoming ADB Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for India (2028-2032), which prioritizes accelerating structural transformation and job creation through human capital development. By focusing on 21st-century skills, STEAM, and vocational integration, the TA also mirrors the Government of India's "Viksit Bharat 2047" vision of strengthening the country's human capital.

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Project Outcome

Description of Outcome
Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
Geographical Location

Poverty Reduction and Inclusion

Poverty Reduction and Inclusion Classification
Summary Poverty and Social Analysis

The Technical Assistance (TA) will provide specialized expertise to conduct detailed poverty and social analyses, identifying specific barriers to education for socio-economically disadvantaged groups (SEDGs), including girls, children with disabilities, and marginalized communities. It will design inclusive interventions such as specialized learning enhancements and targeted retention strategies to ensure that students from low-income households can overcome historical challenges and access quality schooling. Furthermore, the TA will support the development of transformative Gender Action Plans and the creation of safe, accessible learning environments to promote long-term social mobility and bridge the digital divide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Project Participation and Engagement

During Project Design
During Project Implementation

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Timetable

Concept Clearance
15 Jun 2026
Fact Finding
08 Apr 2026 to 08 Apr 2026
MRM
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Approval
16 Jul 2026
Last Review Mission
-
Last PDS Update

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