



# Regional: Implementing the Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI) Operational Approach

Project Name  
Implementing the Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI) Operational Approach  
Project Number  
60225-001  
Country / Economy

- Regional  
Project Status  
Proposed  
Project Type / Modality of Assistance
- Technical Assistance  
Source of Funding / Amount

| TA: Implementing the Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI) Operational Approach |                   |
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| Source                                                                               | Amount            |
| Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund                                            | US\$ 400,000.00   |
| Technical Assistance Special Fund                                                    | US\$ 2.60 million |
| Japan Special Fund                                                                   | US\$ 1.00 million |

Sustainable Development Goals

- SDG 2.3
  - SDG 3.3
  - SDG 8.8
  - SDG 9.1
  - SDG 9.4
  - SDG 9.c
  - SDG 11.4
  - SDG 17.10
  - SDG 17.3
- Sector / Subsector
- Multisector /

Gender  
Effective gender mainstreaming  
Description

The cluster TA will support implementation of the Operational Approach for Revitalizing Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI) approved in March 2026. The Operational Approach reaffirms RCI as central to ADB's mandate and recalibrates ADB's engagement around three priority areas (or pillars): (i) scaled up and upgraded regional connectivity (Pillar 1); (ii) broadened and deepened trade, investment, and financial cooperation (Pillar 2); and (iii) bolstered provision of regional public goods (Pillar 3).

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

Impact  
Regional economic integration in Asia and the Pacific increased.

Outcome  
Implementation of the RCI Operational Approach advanced

Outputs  
Trade and economic partnerships expanded

Priority regional connectivity and economic corridor initiatives supported

Support for regional public goods increased

## Poverty Reduction and Inclusion

Poverty Reduction and Inclusion Classification

Summary Poverty and Social Analysis

RCI Operational Approach positions poverty reduction and inclusion as strategic objective, focusing on enhancing productivity through inclusive economic integration and strengthening resilience against transboundary risks

## Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

## Project Participation and Engagement

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

## Contact

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Executing Agencies

Asian Development Bank

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## Timetable

Concept Clearance

29 Jun 2026

Fact Finding

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MRM

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Approval

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Last Review Mission

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Last PDS Update

29 Jun 2026

## Funding

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