



Regional: Advancing Women’s Economic Empowerment in Asia and the Pacific

Project Name
Advancing Women’s Economic Empowerment in Asia and the Pacific
Project Number
60247-001

Country / Economy

- Regional
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Fiji
- India
- Indonesia
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Philippines
- Türkiye
- Uzbekistan

Project Status
Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance

- Technical Assistance
- Source of Funding / Amount

TA: Advancing Women-s Economic Empowerment in Asia and the Pacific	
Source	Amount
Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 900,000.00

Sustainable Development Goals

- SDG 8.10
 - SDG 8.3
 - SDG 17.17
- Sector / Subsector
- Finance /

Gender
Gender equality objective
Description

This TA aims to address these challenges by supporting the development of scalable solutions that enhance women's economic opportunities and enable effective synergies between governments and the private sector. The TA is categorized as a gender equality objective (GEN) and aligns with ADB's strategic focus on private sector development, resilience and empowerment, as set out in the President's Planning Directions and the Strategy 2030 Midterm Review. It adopts a OneADB approach, and as a multi regional TA, will support both sovereign and nonsovereign operations.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

Improving women entrepreneurs' access to finance, networks and markets remains a critical challenge across the region. Women owned micro, small, and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) face an estimated \$1.5 trillion financing gap in emerging markets, much of it in Asia. Collateral based lending practices, limited availability and use of sex disaggregated data, and traditional credit assessment models that fail to capture women's creditworthiness hinder enterprise growth and formalization. Private sector financing and investment products often remain misaligned with the needs of women-owned businesses, preventing them from scaling, integrating into value chains, and generating quality jobs.

Impact
Outcome
Outputs
Geographical Location

Bangladesh - Nation-wide; Bhutan - Nation-wide; Cambodia - Nation-wide; Fiji - Nation-wide; India - Nation-wide; Indonesia - Nation-wide; Kyrgyzstan - Nation-wide; Philippines - Nation-wide; Trkiye - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide

Poverty Reduction and Inclusion

Poverty Reduction and Inclusion Classification
PIF - Poverty reduction and inclusion focus
Summary Poverty and Social Analysis
tbd

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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Gender Equality Division (CCGE)
Executing Agencies
Asian Development Bank

Timetable

Concept Clearance
29 Jun 2026
Fact Finding
22 May 2026 to 22 May 2026
MRM
-
Approval
-
Last Review Mission
-
Last PDS Update
29 Jun 2026

Funding

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