

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION

A. Major Development Partners: Strategic Foci and Key Activities

1. As of August 2014, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) had provided 51 loans totaling \$5.94 billion to the People's Republic of China (PRC) for urban environmental improvement and urban infrastructure projects.¹ ADB funded six projects in Hubei Province, five were urban projects on management of storm water, wastewater, sludge, municipal solid waste, and urban transportation with a total investment of \$533.00 million.² The Hubei Huanggang Urban Environment Improvement Project will be the first project financed by ADB in Huanggang.

2. Since the mid-1980s, Hubei Province has implemented various development projects financed by multilateral and bilateral agencies. The World Bank financed more than 30 projects. Bilateral funding agencies from more than 20 countries have financed about 160 projects, and international commercial bank loans have financed various projects. External assistance for urban development in Hubei Province has been strategically focused on Wuhan and its surrounding medium-sized cities. ADB and the World Bank are the two main agencies supporting urban development. Other bilateral agencies are providing smaller-scale and more sector-specific lending assistance.

Major Development Partners

Development Partner	Project Name	Duration	Amount (\$ million)
Urban Sector Development			
ADB	Wuhan Wastewater Management Project	2003–2008	83
	Wuhan Wastewater and Stormwater Management Project	2006–2010	100
	Wuhan Urban Environmental Improvement Project	2010–2014	100
	Hubei Huangshi Urban Pollution Control and Environmental Management Project	2013–2018	100
	Hubei Yichang Sustainable Urban Transport Project	2013–2018	150
AFD	Rehabilitating Buildings in Wuhan (CCN1033)	2013–2016	27
Euro Aid	Hubei Air Quality Information and Early Warning System	2011–2015	20
Nordic Development Fund	Huangpulu Wastewater Treatment Plant	1996–2000	11
Poland Government	Nantaizhu Wastewater Treatment Plant	2004–2010	27
World Bank	Hubei Urban Environment Project	1996–2002	150
	Hubei Han Urban Environment Improvement Project	2009–2013	84

¹ The subsector classification of urban sector projects includes water supply and sanitation, waste management, urban transport, energy utility services, and energy efficiency and conservation. In addition, ADB has other projects processed by the East Asia Department's energy division, transport and communications division, and environment, natural resources and agriculture division that have significant urban components.

² These include ADB. 2003. *Report and Recommendation of the President to the Board of Directors: Proposed Loan to the People's Republic of China for the Wuhan Wastewater Management Project*. Manila (Loan 1996-PRC); ADB. 2006. *Report and Recommendation of the President to the Board of Directors: Proposed Loan to the People's Republic of China for the Wuhan Wastewater and Stormwater Management Project*. Manila (Loan 2240-PRC); ADB. 2010. *Report and Recommendation of the President to the Board of Directors: Proposed Loan to the People's Republic of China for the Wuhan Urban Environmental Improvement Project*. Manila (Loan 2647-PRC); ADB. 2012. *Report and Recommendation of the President to the Board of Directors: Proposed Loan to the People's Republic of China for the Hubei Huangshi Urban Pollution Control and Environmental Management Project*. Manila (Loan 2940-PRC); and ADB. 2013. *Report and Recommendation of the President to the Board of Directors: Proposed Loan to the People's Republic of China for the Hubei Yichang Sustainable Urban Transport Project*. Manila (Loan 3014-PRC).

Development Partner	Project Name	Duration	Amount (\$ million)
Industrial Energy Efficiency and Environment Improvement			
ADB	Second Industrial Energy Efficiency and Environment Improvement Project	1996–2000	178
AusAid	Yangtze River Flood Control and Management Project	2001–2006	14
European Investment Bank	Hubei Small Hydropower Projects	2009–2011	60
European Union	Yellow River Basin and Yangtze River Basin Management Project	2006–2012	33
JICA	Hubei Urban Flood Control Project	1999–2004	110
World Bank	Yangtze River Basin Water Resources Project	1995–2005	210
	China Fifth Inland Waterway Project	2005–2010	100
	Yangtze Dike Strengthening Project	2000–2008	210
	Yangtze Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project	1999–2004	80

ADB = Asian Development Bank, AFD = Agence Française de Développement, AusAID = Australian Agency for International Development, JICA = Japan International Cooperation Agency.

Source: Asian Development Bank.

B. Institutional Arrangements and Processes for Development Coordination

3. ADB commits itself to sharing sector information and experiences in partnership with its developing member countries and other development agencies. In line with its support for the 2005 Paris Declaration and the 2008 Accra Agenda for Action, ADB has been actively harmonizing its policies, procedures, and practices with its key development partners through parallel implementation structures, technical working groups, and joint missions. In addition, it has been supporting global and regional efforts to enhance aid effectiveness.

4. In the PRC, the central government coordinates most development assistance. All the development partners are requested to align their operations to support implementation of a national development strategy as set out in the PRC's Twelfth Five-Year Plan, 2011–2015 for social and economic development and approved by the People's Congress. ADB's PRC Resident Mission plays a key role in utilizing lessons from project design, implementation, and monitoring to be shared with other partners.

C. Achievements and Issues

5. Since 1992, coordination with major development partners has been strengthened to support the PRC's five-year plans, strategic master plans, public awareness and education, financial and institutional strengthening, Millennium Development Goals, and other development results in urban development.

D. Summary and Recommendations

6. The project team will coordinate with other development partners during project implementation. Strengthening development coordination in the PRC is expected to minimize transaction costs, maximize responsiveness, solve policy issues more systematically, provide greater support for institutional strengthening and capacity building, and increase accountability to achieve greater development impact.