

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION

A. Major Development Partners: Strategic Foci and Key Activities

1. A diverse array of assistance programs from multilateral and bilateral development partners target flood control and water-based natural resources management (under the agriculture and natural resource sector) and sanitation (under the water and other municipal infrastructure and services sector); both are government priorities in the People's Republic of China (PRC). These programs cover physical investment, capacity development, strategy development, and policy reforms, which support the government's Twelfth Five-Year Plan (2011–2015) and past 5-year plans.¹

2. The Huainan municipal government (HMG) has been working with many development partners, including the governments of Finland, Israel, and the Netherlands; the Japan Bank for International Cooperation; and the World Bank, to obtain financial and technical assistance for wastewater management, pollution control, and flood management. These efforts have resulted in significant improvements for urban areas in Huainan.

Major Development Partners

Development Partner	Project Name	Duration	Amount (\$ million)
A. Projects Related to Urban Water Systems in Huainan Municipality:			
Finland	Shannan New Area Wastewater Treatment Plant	2010–2012	7.90
Israel	Maoji Experimental Area Wastewater Treatment Plant	2011–2013	9.00
	Shannan New Area Water Treatment Plant	2011–2014	11.00
Netherlands	Eastern Wastewater Treatment Plant	1999–2002	4.90
	Western Water Treatment Plant	2001–2003	4.50
JBIC	Eastern Area Municipal Solid Waste Collection and Transfer System	2008–2011	8.50
World Bank	Huai River Pollution Control Project	2002–2008	20.35 ^a
	Huai River Basin Flood Management and Drainage Improvement Project	2010–2016	200.00
	Anhui Shaying River Channel Improvement Project	2010–2016	100.00
B. Other ADB Loan and TA Projects for Flood Control, Water-Based Natural Resources Management, and Sanitation in the People's Republic of China			
ADB Loan	Yellow River Flood Management Sector Project	2001–2008	150.00
	Songhua River Flood Management Sector Project	2002–2009	150.00
	Sanjiang Plain Wetlands Protection Project	2005–2012	15.00
	Shandong Hai River Pollution Control Project	2006–2012	80.00
	Guangxi Nanning Urban Environmental Upgrading Project	2006–2013	100.00
	Nanjing Qinhuai River Environmental Improvement Project	2006–2013	100.00
	Wuhan Wastewater and Stormwater Management Project	2006–2013	100.00
	Jilin Urban Environment Improvement Project	2007–2013	100.00
	Anhui Hefei Urban Environment Improvement Project	2007–2013	150.00
	Gansu Baiyin Urban Development Project	2008–2013	80.00
	Xinjiang Municipal Infrastructure and Environmental Improvement Project	2008–2013	105.00
	Ningxia Integrated Ecosystem and Agriculture Development Project	2008–2014	100.00

¹ Government of the People's Republic of China, National People's Congress. 2011. *Outline of the Twelfth Five-Year Plan of the People's Republic of China, 2011–2015*. Beijing.

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	Guangxi Wuzhou Urban Development Project	2008–2014	100.00
	Songhua River Basin Water Pollution Control and Management Project	2008–2014	200.00
	Hebei Small Cities and Towns Development Demonstration Sector Project	2009–2016	100.00
	Liaoning Small Cities and Towns Development Demonstration Sector Project	2009–2016	100.00
	Shanxi Small Cities and Towns Development Demonstration Sector Project	2009–2016	100.00
	Guangxi Southwestern Cities Development Project	2010–2015	150.00
	Qingdao Water Resources and Wetland Protection Project	2010–2016	45.00
	Integrated Ecosystem and Water Resources Management in the Baiyangdian Basin Project	2010–2016	100.0
	Wuhan Urban Environmental Improvement Project	2011–2015	100.00
	Gansu Tianshui Urban Infrastructure Development Project	2011–2015	100.00
	Jiangsu Yancheng Wetlands Protection Project	2011–2017	36.90
	Hai River Estuary Area Pollution Control And Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project	2011–2017	100.00
	Guangxi Beibu Gulf Cities Development Project	2011–2017	200.00
	Xinjiang Altay Urban Infrastructure and Environment Improvement Project	2011–2018	100.00
	Anhui Chao Lake Environmental Rehabilitation Project	2012–2018	250.00
	Integrated Development of Key Townships in Central Liaoning	2012–2018	150.00
	Gansu Urban Infrastructure Development and Wetland Protection Project	2012–2018	100.00
	Hubei Huangshi Urban Pollution Control and Environmental Management Project	2012–2018	100.00
ADB TA Projects	Preparing National Guidelines for Urban Wastewater Tariffs and Management Study	2001–2003	0.70
	Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for the Rural Poor	2001–2003	0.40
	Flood Management Strategy Study	2004–2006	0.55
	Strengthening Flood Management Sustainability in Hunan Province	2006–2013	0.56
	Implementing the National Flood Management Strategy	2007–2010	0.50
	Policy Study on Market-Based Instruments for Water Pollution Control	2007–2011	0.50
	Urban Wastewater and Solid Waste Management for Small Cities and Towns	2007–2012	1.00
	Urban Wastewater Reuse and Sludge Utilization Policy Study	2008–2011	1.00
	Managing the Water Resources of Boyang Lake	2011–2013	1.00
	Nonpoint Source Pollution Control in Catchment Areas	2011–2013	0.48
	Urban Stormwater Management and Waterlogging Disaster Prevention	2011–2013	0.40
	Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Yunnan Province	2012–2014	0.60
	Management and Protection of Wetlands in Weinan City in Shaanxi Province	2012–2014	0.35

ADB = Asian Development Bank, JBIC = Japan Bank for International Cooperation, TA = technical assistance.

^a The World Bank loan for the Huai River Pollution Control Project was for 12 cities in the Huai River basin within Anhui and Shandong provinces. The amount shown in the table was for Huainan Municipality, specifically the western wastewater treatment plant and the wastewater collection system in the eastern and western urban areas. Available at http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/ WDSP/ IB/2009/03/23/000333038_20090323005743/Rendered/INDEX/ICR6090China0P101Official0Use0Only1.txt

Sources: Huainan Municipal Development and Reform Committee. 2012. *Survey of the Use of Foreign Preferential Loans in Huainan Municipality*. Huainan; and ADB website.

B. Institutional Arrangements and Processes for Development Coordination

3. The government coordinates all external assistance from development partners through the National Development and Reform Commission and through ministries appointed as "window" or lead coordinating agencies to work with each organization. They work together to ensure that external assistance supports the PRC's Twelfth Five-Year Plan (footnote 1), serves the PRC's needs, and suits the interests and expertise of each organization. The Ministry of Finance serves the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank. ADB and other development partners meet and work together formally and informally. They invite each other to conferences and workshops along with the government. Development partners also meet informally to share information and discuss common interests. ADB works formally and informally with nongovernment organizations and other civil society stakeholders. By building links between the government and civil society, ADB can help mobilize all parties' strengths, while improving ADB's own effectiveness and reinforcing government efforts to strengthen the role of civil society.

4. During project preparation, the project preparation team met with the HMG to discuss staff experience with major international development partners working in the sector, and reviewed related project documents.

C. Achievements and Issues

5. Since 1992, coordination with major development partners has been strengthened to support the PRC's 5-year plans; strategic master plans; public awareness and education; financial and institutional strengthening; the Millennium Development Goals; and other development results in flood control, water-based natural resources management, and sanitation.

6. All international development partners working in the PRC support the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. They are committed to aligning their work with the PRC's Twelfth Five-Year Plan (footnote 1). These organizations also recognize the same challenges facing the PRC, and their regional focus is clearly aligned with the Twelfth Plan.

7. Through coordination, ADB and other development partners are able to improve development synergies by coordinating the introduction of new technologies and sharing knowledge and management experience.

D. Summary and Recommendations

8. Flood management, pollution control, and ecological protection are among the priorities of the PRC's Twelfth Five-Year Plan. ADB should strengthen its dialogue with the government through the Ministry of Finance and National Development and Reform Commission on continuing the trend of increasing investment in environmental protection. ADB should also continue and strengthen its close coordination with other development partners. Strengthening development coordination is expected to minimize transaction costs, maximize responsiveness, and promote increased accountability to achieve greater development impact.