



India: India Urban and Water Projects Support Facility

Project Name	India Urban and Water Projects Support Facility	
Project Number	53067-002	
Country	India	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9849-IND: India Urban and Water Projects Support Facility	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 2.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development - Urban sanitation - Urban water supply	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>The proposed transaction technical assistance (TA) facility will support (i) project preparation for a series of ensuing urban and water projects in India during 2020 2022, and (ii) capacity building and implementation of selected ongoing urban and water projects in India. The projects supported align with the operational priorities of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Strategy 2030 to help build livable cities that are green, competitive, inclusive, and resilient, and foster energy-efficient infrastructure. The TA facility will assist the projects to (i) include integrated solutions for urban development and drinking water supply promoting international best-practices and innovation for improved efficiency and sustainability, (ii) achieve high project readiness as set by ADB and government of India, and (iii) strengthen capacity for implementation and sustainable and efficient operation and maintenance (O&M) of the assets built. This requires a thorough technical, safeguards, institutional, financial management, and economic due diligence, and continuous implementation support to the selected executing and implementing agencies. The TA facility is listed in the current country operations business plan for India.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Urban India is the engine of the country's economic transformation. With more than 30% of the country's population, Indian cities generate more than 60% of gross domestic product (GDP). It has been estimated that 77% of GDP growth between 2012 and 2025 in India would be generated in 49 metropolitan clusters. By 2030, urban areas will be home to more than 40% of the population, and generate more than 75% of the country GDP. However, urban infrastructure and service provision do not match with the dramatic growth in population and shift in the rural-urban balance. Water supply, drainage, wastewater collection and treatment, solid waste management, and other urban services are deficient, often with structural dysfunctions (e.g., nonrevenue water) and unable to respond to population and economic demands. Indian urban residents suffer from service interruptions and environmental health issues. Critical investments in urban infrastructure and institutions, incorporating international best practices and advanced technologies, are required to make Indian cities more sustainable, competitive, and resilient, and able to fully unleash their potential for economic growth.</p> <p>Provision of reliable, sustainable and affordable rural drinking water services also remains a challenge in India. Although 93% of rural households in the country have access to water supply from improved sources, only 56% of them have access to safely managed drinking water services. More than 40% of rural households (roughly 390 million people) lack access to water on premises and one in three people rely on a source that is not free from contamination resulting in time loss for collecting water, especially for women and children, and exposure to waterborne diseases. Slippage of rural drinking water service level has been a concern for decades due to limited capacity for O&M and inadequate infrastructure. This is exacerbated by climate change and increasing groundwater abstraction and contamination. Piped water with household connections is emerging as new service delivery model to address these challenges. Considerable investments in high quality infrastructure and institutional development are required to improve provision, quality, and sustainability of rural drinking water services in India.</p> <p>The South Asia Urban Development and Water (SAUW) division's pipeline projects for India in 2020 2022 includes 16 projects with an overall loan amount of around \$3.4 billion and 4 TA grants amounting to \$4.5 million to respond to filling part of the country's immediate needs and gaps in critical urban and rural drinking water service delivery. The complex challenges and increasing demand of the sector would require innovative and integrated solutions for infrastructure and institutional development, including advanced technologies, to improve efficiency, durability and quality of service delivery. Examples include smart water management and district-metered area-based water supply systems to manage nonrevenue water and ensure continuous and safe drinking water supply in urban or rural areas. Specialized technical inputs and capacity development are pivotal to support high quality project preparation, successful project implementation, sustainable operation, and value addition by ADB.</p>	
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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	Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Vizag	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	
Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	ADB will engage consultants following ADB's Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. Firms and/or individual consultants will be engaged depending on needs of particular project.
Procurement	No procurement involved.
Responsible ADB Officer	Luca Di Mario
Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Urban Development and Water Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance (Old) Department of Economic Affairs (Old) Ministry of Finance, North Block New Delhi, India
Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	04 Nov 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	08 Nov 2019

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,000,000.00	0.00	220,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,220,000.00	-	0.00

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