



Azerbaijan: Preparing Irrigation and Drainage System Development in Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic

Project Name	Preparing Irrigation and Drainage System Development in Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic
Project Number	53098-002
Country	Azerbaijan
Project Status	Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Irrigation and Drainage System Development in Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 1.20 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural drainage - Irrigation - Rural water policy, institutional and capacity development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	The project will support rehabilitation and modernization of the irrigation and drainage networks serving about 23,230 ha land in Nakhchovan Autonomous Republic (NAR) of Azerbaijan. The project will also help strengthen institutional capacity of the irrigation system management including support to water user associations. The project will include two indicative outputs: (i) irrigation and drainage infrastructure improved and/or constructed; and (ii) capacity of State Amelioration and Water Management Committee (SAWMC) and water users associations (WUAs) in irrigation and project management improved.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The lagging performance of agriculture points to its low productivity, providing mainly low wage and seasonal jobs that contribute to poverty vulnerability. Improving agricultural productivity is central to developing the rural economy and is the most direct route to improving employment and income opportunities. A number of bottlenecks need to be resolved in order to realize these opportunities. One of the most pressing constraints lies in the irrigation sub-sector. Total irrigated area was 1,446,000 hectares (ha) in 2017, accounting for 64.55% of the total cultivated land in Azerbaijan. However, the irrigation systems are not performing to its designed capacity. There is a need to fill in gaps in irrigation, introduce new technologies, improve access to finance and essential logistics, and develop a quality infrastructure.
Impact	
Outcome	
Outputs	
Geographical Location	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	Key stakeholders including government agencies, local administrations, farmer communities, and civil society organisations will be consulted during project preparation through various means including interviews, focused meetings, and questionnaire.
During Project Implementation	The executing and implementing agencies will continue to consult local administrations, farmer communities, and social organisations will be consulted during project implementation.
Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	The project preparation will require a team of international and national specialists to conduct the due diligence in terms of technical, financial and economic, social, environmental, and institutional aspects and prepare project feasibility studies to meet the requirements of ADB and the Government of Azerbaijan. Detailed expertise required and terms of references will be disclosed in due course.
Procurement	To be confirmed.
Responsible ADB Officer	Zhou Yaozhou
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	State Amelioration & Water Management Committee of Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic Khatai district, Nakhchivan City Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic Azerbaijan

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	26 Sep 2019

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