



Regional: Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2020-2022 (Subproject 1)

Project Name	Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2020-2022 (Subproject 1)				
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Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA: Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2020-2022 (Subproject 1)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 2.25 million</td> </tr> </table>	TA: Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2020-2022 (Subproject 1)		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 2.25 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development				
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Rural water policy, institutional and capacity development - Water-based natural resources management Education - Education sector development - Technical and vocational education and training Energy - Electricity transmission and distribution - Energy efficiency and conservation - Energy sector development and institutional reform Finance - Banking systems and nonbank financial institutions - Finance sector development - Small and medium enterprise finance and leasing Health - Health sector development and reform - Health system development Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development - Trade and services Public sector management - Public administration - Public expenditure and fiscal management Transport - Road transport (non-urban) - Transport policies and institutional development - Urban roads and traffic management Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development - Urban water supply				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements				
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance cluster (C-KSTA) on Supporting Evaluations in Asia and the Pacific, 2020- 2024 was approved by the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on a no-objection basis on 27 August 2020. It was to fully or partially fund evaluations and associated outreach from the annual 3- year rolling work programs over the 2020 -2024 period. The next work program cycle from 2021 -2023 is scheduled for approval by the Board of Directors in December 2020. This subproject is the first of three in the new C-KSTA. Subproject 1 will fund high-level and other evaluations to improve ADB strategies, policies, processes, and operations. The main subproject outputs are 7 high-level evaluations. Other possible evaluation products may include a validation of country partnership strategy final review report (CPSFRV), a sector synthesis, a topical paper and some complementary and quick turn-around evaluation work.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Subproject 1 is aligned with the C-KSTA's impact of improved development effectiveness of ADB operations, policies, and business processes. Its intended outcome is the increased use of and learning from evaluations and their recommendations by the Development Effectiveness Committee (DEC), ADB Management and staff, and broader stakeholders. The implicit theory of change holds that under the 2021 -2023 work program, IED will deliver a combination of evaluations that are strategically and operationally relevant to Strategy 2030. These, along with their knowledge sharing and outreach, will in turn support more effective ADB policies, processes, and operations subsequently benefiting developing member countries (DMCs) in Asia and the Pacific.				
Impact	Development effectiveness of ADB operations, policies, and business processes improved				
Outcome	Use of and learning from evaluations and their recommendations by the Board of Directors, Development Effectiveness Committee (DEC), ADB Management and Staff, and broader stakeholders increased				
Outputs	Corporate and Thematic Evaluations: a strategic mix of high-quality corporate and thematic evaluations with direct relevance to Strategy 2030 delivered, with evaluation knowledge management engagement and support. Country and regional program Evaluations and Validations: country and sub-regional evaluations delivered and feeding directly into ADB country partnership strategy planning and Board approval cycles, with evaluation knowledge management engagement and support. Sector Evaluations: sector-assistance program evaluations, sector-wide evaluations, and sector synthesis notes delivered and informing ADB sector plans and operations, with evaluation knowledge management engagement and support. Complementary and Quick Turn-around Evaluation Work: systematic reviews, topical papers, and quick turn-around evaluation work and research delivered, with evaluation knowledge management engagement and support.				
Geographical Location	Regional				
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects					
Environmental Aspects					
Involuntary Resettlement					
Indigenous Peoples					
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation					

During Project Design	During the inception stage of evaluations, the evaluation team consults with ADB Management and relevant staff (including resident missions) and, where appropriate, various institutions in government and civil society, including development partners and nongovernment organizations. It will coordinate with relevant government agencies and obtain on a no objection from the government before starting any activity under this subproject in the territory of that country. The evaluation team will look at innovative approaches in preparing independent evaluations that add value for its clients, i.e., approaches, designs, components, features (e.g., development or application of advanced technology), preparation, or implementation processes that are new to its targeted stakeholders.
During Project Implementation	Evaluation teams conduct field visits and occasional surveys. Field interviews include meetings with ADB missions, various institutions in government and civil society, including development partner and nongovernment organizations. A mission agenda is firm up at the evaluation approach paper stage. Where appropriate, and mandatory in the case of country-level and project-level evaluations, a draft reports is sent to government and other stakeholders for feedback. The evaluation team leader is responsible for implementation oversight, accountability for outputs, and communication with stakeholders. Dissemination of outputs will be conducted through the report preparation and completion stages, following internal protocols for preparing evaluations and evaluation policy, particularly on public disclosure, dissemination, and lessons. IED will engage targeted stakeholders through various avenues (i.e., presentations) and learning events and will continually invest in information systems to strengthen monitoring of outputs.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	Consultant services will include (i) sector and thematic specialists and researchers to help conduct in-depth analysis and/or give expert inputs on the development context and challenges during report preparation, i.e., data collection, surveys and processing, quantitative and qualitative analyses, background analytical papers, and main report preparation; (ii) external experts for independent peer reviews; and (iii) resource persons and/or coordinators to help organize outreach and knowledge-sharing activities. International and/or national consultants (either on an individual or resource person arrangement) in will be engaged in accordance with the ADB Procurement Policy and associated Project Administration Instructions and/or TA Staff Instructions. Details of consulting services and terms of reference will be firm up at the inception stage of an evaluation or activity. Subproject 1 activities will tentatively require 27 international consultants for 67 person-months; 21 in-country national consultants for 32 person-months; 16 ADB Headquarters-based consultants for 67 person-months; and 9 international consultants cum resource persons for 4 person-months. The use of a consulting firm will be considered at the inception phase of an evaluation especially those which involve major survey, broad and complex quantitative analyses.
Procurement	Procurement are case-by-case basis for core evaluation and dissemination work. These are evaluation tools, supplies and services (programming and database tools to analytical instruments, surveys) during report preparation; and supplies and services for seminars, workshops, forums, and conferences (presentations and learning events), printed external publications and other goods and services (social media and website) during dissemination work. Any purchase of goods or services will be in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers and the associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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