



Regional: Asian Development Outlook 2022

Project Name	Asian Development Outlook 2022	
Project Number	55278-002	
Country	Regional	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6838-REG: Asian Development Outlook 2022	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Multisector - ADB's corporate management, policy and strategy development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The TA subproject will support the production of the ADO 2022, one of ADB's flagship publications. It will support the following activities: (i) preparing background analytical papers following the 2-year rolling research plan, (ii) further developing and refining analytical methods, (iii) drafting of ADO content, (iv) editing economic content and manuscripts, (v) preparing and laying out of materials for publication, and (vi) disseminating key results and policy messages.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA subproject will support activities to produce one of ADB's flagship publications, the ADO. The ADO's comprehensive analysis of evolving macroeconomic advances and emerging development challenges in the region helps ADB strengthen its role as a knowledge institution, and supports the knowledge and operational work of ADB's regional departments. Country chapters monitor the latest economic developments and provide a near-term outlook, which are essential in developing appropriate policy recommendations to ensure macroeconomic stability. The chapters policy challenge sections analyze key obstacles to inclusive economic growth, such as (i) factors preventing productive employment generation, (ii) human development constraints, (iii) gender and other socioeconomic and demographic barriers, (iv) spatial and geographical limitations, (v) institutional and policy weaknesses, and (vi) factors preventing expansion of social protection programs. The thematic chapters examine important development challenges for a transforming Asia and the Pacific. The capacity of many DMCs to respond to macroeconomic and development challenges is limited by knowledge gaps. The magnitude and nature of the recent shocks hitting these economies have made it extremely hard to track the current state and future trajectory of their economies, making policymaking more difficult. For many policymakers, the issues they face lack precedents that would help them formulate sound responses. Post-COVID, the challenges of ensuring green growth, adequate education, health, and social protection, and addressing inequality also require knowledge solutions. This underscores the need for up-to-date research and comprehensive analyses of macroeconomic issues and development challenges affecting the region such as the ADO. As indicated in ADB's Strategy 2030, ADB's relevance will increasingly depend on its role as a knowledge institution, including its ability to generate solid, policy-relevant research. ADB's knowledge and research is pivotal in raising understanding and awareness about critical areas for action, supporting good policies and reform in DMCs, and in contributing to global development discussions by offering perspectives from the region	
Impact	Debates and policy research on important development challenges facing Asia and the Pacific deepened	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	ADO content helps inform policy discussions by ADB and DMC officials, views of the general public, and analysis of researchers.	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	ADO reports disseminated in 2022 Background papers disseminated	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Regional	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
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Responsible ADB Division	ERM/R
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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	25 Nov 2021
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	25 Nov 2021

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
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