



Pakistan: Preparing the Improved Domestic Resource Mobilization Reform Program

Project Name	Preparing the Improved Domestic Resource Mobilization Reform Program	
Project Number	56006-002	
Country / Economy	Pakistan	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6938-PAK: Preparing the Improved Domestic Resource Mobilization Program	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 950,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management / Economic affairs management - Public administration - Public expenditure and fiscal management	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>The proposed Improved Domestic Resource Mobilization Reform Program aims to support the Government of Pakistan implement reforms that will help ensure fiscal sustainability and generate fiscal space to finance critical investments in human capital, infrastructure and poverty alleviation. The proposed program will support policy, legal, and institutional actions in three key reform areas that will help improve (i) domestic revenue mobilization, (ii) the quality of public expenditure and cash management for improving allocative efficiency of scarce public resource, and (iii) the mobilization and utilization of domestic savings and foreign direct investment (FDI). These key reform areas are closely aligned with the government's reform agenda for public sector management outlined in Pakistan's Vision 2025, the national development strategy, the medium-term budget strategy, and Asian Development Bank's (ADB) country partnership strategy for Pakistan, 2021-2025. The TRTA also aligns with the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) program, particularly the CAREC Integrated Trade Agenda 2030 and Digital Strategy 2030 that promotes trade through applying digital technologies.</p> <p>The proposed transaction technical assistance (TRTA) will focus on the first and third key reform areas. The TA will, through the Ministry of Finance (MOF) and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), support the implementation of critical tax administration, pension system, and institutional and capacity development reforms in Pakistan. The TA for the development and implementation of the second key reform area, for improving the quality of public expenditure and cash management, will be provided through an ongoing regional TA facility for Supporting Public Financial Management and Tax Policy. The TA coverage of all key reform areas ensures not only adequate support for implementation of complex reforms but also strong demonstration of ADB value-addition.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA grant of \$950,000 will support the (i) design and implementation of detailed policy actions under the ensuing program; (ii) development of capacity in the executing and implementing agencies; and (iii) policy dialogue with the government to improve awareness and understanding of international standards, best practices, and lessons learned in the tax administration and pension system reform areas.	
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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	Nation-wide	
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 The TA will be implemented by 4 international and 7 national experts comprising a total of 62 person-months of consultant inputs. Consultants will be recruited on an individual basis, following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated staff instructions. All consultants will conduct activities on an intermittent basis as required. The experts are: (i) International Reform Coordination and Change Management Specialist, (ii) International Tax Administration Specialist, (iii) International Tax and Treaty Specialist, (iv) International Trade and Investment Specialist, (v) National Reform Coordination and Change Management Specialist, (vi) National Tax Administration Specialist, (vii) National Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Expert, (viii) National Tax and Treaty Specialist, (ix) National Pension Reforms Expert, (x) National Gender Specialist, and (xi) National Climate Change and Environmental Taxation Specialist.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	04 Aug 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	04 Aug 2022

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
950,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	950,000.00	-	0.00

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