



Uzbekistan: Skills Development for a Modern Economy Project

Project Name	Skills Development for a Modern Economy Project	
Project Number	51012-003	
Country	Uzbekistan	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Skills Development for a Modern Economy Project	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 100.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Education - Technical and vocational education and training	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity	
Description	<p>The growth of Uzbekistan's economy has not led to commensurate job creation. Annually more than 600,000 graduates from colleges and academic lyceums are entering labor market, while the annual increase in jobs is only about 200,000 300,000. Very recent economic downturn was accompanied with significant flow of returning migrants (300,000 400,000) from 2015 to 2017, adding pressure to the labor market. Unemployment rate was reported at 9.3% in 2018, and even higher at 17.0% for people aged 16-25 years. The Skills Development for a Modern Economy Project. The proposed project will support the government to expand and upgrade reskilling service to the unemployed through selected PTCs, modernize skills development in selected TVETCs, and forge performance-based partnerships with the industries including private sector. The overarching priority is to improve employability and job outcomes for skilled trainees and graduates. The proposed project will be fully aligned with the Action Strategy for the Five Priority Areas (2017 2021), Strategy on Innovative Development (2019 2021), and the Education Sector Plan (2019 2023).</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>ADB will build on past collaborations in skills development sectors. ADB's value addition will be: (i) providing a boost of quality in skills development through competency-based training (CBT) in selected priority sectors; (ii) financing the upgradation of selected PTCs and TVETCs in civil work, modern equipment and training facilities benchmarked to international standards; (iii) laying down labor market monitoring and analysis for evidence-based planning for skills development; and (iv) enabling industrial partnership in the full value chain of skills development.</p>	
Impact	Increased employment of the population, particularly for youth (Action Strategy for the Five Priority Areas of the Republic of Uzbekistan [2017 2021])	
Outcome	Market-driven skills learnt by students and jobseekers	
Outputs	<p>Employment and workforce development services improved Quality and relevance of skills development enhanced Sector governance and management strengthened</p>	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment		B
Involuntary Resettlement		B
Indigenous Peoples		C
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Responsible ADB Officer	Long, Xin	
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department	
Responsible ADB Division	CWSS	

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Timetable

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Fact Finding	02 Sep 2019 to 13 Sep 2019
MRM	12 Nov 2019
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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