



Regional: Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2022-2023 (Subproject 2)

Project Name	Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2022-2023 (Subproject 2)				
Project Number	53354-003				
Country	Regional				
Project Status	Active				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 6896-REG: Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2022 2023 (Subproject 2)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 2.15 million</td> </tr> </table>	TA 6896-REG: Supporting Evaluations for Development Effectiveness in Asia and the Pacific, 2022 2023 (Subproject 2)		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 2.15 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 - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development Education - Education sector development - social protection initiatives Energy - Energy efficiency and conservation - Energy sector development and institutional reform Finance - Finance sector development - Small and medium enterprise finance and leasing Health - Health sector development and reform Industry and trade - Trade and services Information and communication technology - ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development Public sector management - Public administration - Public expenditure and fiscal management Transport - Multimodal logistics - 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 sanitation - 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, consisting of 3 subprojects, was approved by the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on a no-objection basis on 27 August 2020. KSTA 6701 (Subproject 1 of the C-KSTA) is underway and agreed funding set aside for a regional assistance program evaluation, a corporate evaluation, and two sector-wide evaluations and validations of country partnership strategy final reviews, from its original scope. Subproject 2 will also fund high-level and other evaluations to improve ADB strategies, policies, processes, and operations. In doing so, Independent Evaluation Department (IED) follows internationally accepted principles and standards.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Subproject 2 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 2022- 2024 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				
Project Outcome					
Description of Outcome	Use of and learning from evaluations and their recommendations by the Board, Development Effectiveness Committee, ADB Management and Staff, and broader stakeholders increased				
Progress Toward Outcome					
Implementation Progress					
Description of Project 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, quick turn-around and other evaluation work (systematic reviews, topical papers, synthesis notes and other evaluation work and research delivered, with evaluation knowledge management engagement and support.)				
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)					

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.
During Project Implementation	IED will look for 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.

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	The Subproject will fund the engagement of (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. Full details of consulting services and terms of reference (i.e., positions, expertise, duration, terms of reference and deliverables, and cost estimates) will be developed at the inception phase of the evaluation or activity using a consultant recruitment note (if needed) and the requisite evaluation approach paper (EAP) and validation plan. International and/or national consultants (either on an individual or resource person arrangement) 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 firmed up at the inception stage of an evaluation or activity. Subproject activities will tentatively require 22 international consultants for 49 person-months; 33 in-country national consultants for 32 person-months; 17 ADB Headquarters-based consultants for 63 person-months; and 13 international consultants cum resource persons for 5 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	Implementation arrangements for procurement will be finalized prior to approval of the evaluation approach paper. The purchase of evaluation tools, supplies and services will be for core evaluation and dissemination work such as conducting conferences, seminars, and/or workshops; and surveys. These will range from programming and database tools to analytical instruments, and services as inputs during report preparation and supplies and services for seminars, workshops, and surveys. Any purchase of goods or services will be in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time) and the associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	23 Dec 2021
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	27 Dec 2021

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,150,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,150,000.00	-	0.00

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