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Regional: Knowledge for Solutions - South-South Knowledge Sharing Program (Subproject 2)

Project Name	Knowledge for Solutions - South-South Knowledge Sharing Program (Subproject 2)		
Project Number	48242-004		
Country	Regional		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8831-REG: Knowledge for Solutions - South-South Knowledge Sharing Program (Subproject 2)		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 410,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions Partnerships		
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development Education - Education sector development Energy - Energy sector development and institutional reform Transport - Transport policies and institutional development Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements		
Description	<p>The proposed subproject is part of a broader cluster regional capacity development technical assistance (TA) that will use knowledge, technology, and partnerships to connect development practitioners in the common pursuit of solving development problems. The cluster TA will foster an enabling platform for ADB to work as _One ADB_ by creating structures and systems to better link its knowledge and operations with developing member country (DMC) practitioners and development partners. By taking fresh approaches to peer-to-peer sharing, learning, knowledge capture, and problem solving, ADB may be able to work more efficiently with its DMCs to solve development problems faster. The proposed subproject focuses on developing a platform for South-South Knowledge Sharing (SSKS) by complementing and building upon existing efforts, such as sub-regional knowledge sharing endeavors, including the Phnom Penh Plan, the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute, and Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative (RKSII) by East Asia Department (EARD) and sector-based twinning programs in the water and urban sectors. Similar efforts can also be found in knowledge sharing activities by India Resident Mission (INRM) under South Asia Department (SARD) and among Great Mekong Subregion (GMS) under Southeast Asia Department (SERD).</p>		

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Strategy 2020 of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) mandates ADB to develop, mobilize, and apply knowledge solutions to help the poor in our DMCs. The midterm review of Strategy 2020 highlights that DMCs increasingly seek ADB's knowledge to address complex challenges, improve the development impact of operations, and develop into knowledge economies. The midterm review of Strategy 2020, the President's 10 points in his 21 November 2013 memorandum on Reforming ADB's Institution-Wide Knowledge Management, the Planning Directions: Work Program and Budget Framework 2015_2017, and the first Knowledge Operations Review Meeting (KORM) all provide fresh impetus and direction for taking a unified One ADB approach to sharing knowledge with DMCs and serving as a source of best practices. A special evaluation study recommended ADB improve its approach to capturing, sharing, and using knowledge. The Knowledge Management Directions and Action Plan (2013_2015) (KMAP) builds on those findings by defining ADB's goals in this area and providing a plan for transformational actions. The KMAP specifically recognizes the need for strategic and programmatic partnerships with COEs and knowledge hubs, expanded ADB operations for innovation and pilot-testing, greater South_South knowledge sharing, and easier access to data and information.</p> <p>Multilateral organizations, including through interregional knowledge sharing, are becoming increasingly important for enhancing effectiveness in development through capturing and sharing good developmental experiences common to developing countries. ADB, in its Midterm Review (MTR) of Strategy 2020, proposes country directors of resident missions as Knowledge Custodians (MTR 3.4) and the Country Knowledge Management Plans (CKP) (MTR 1.2.4.3) as a mandatory component of the Country Partnership Strategy (CPS). In this context, the Middle Income Countries (MICs) and Upper Middle Income Countries (UMICs) have specific demand for knowledge from within the region in areas such as (i) mitigating inequalities; (ii) addressing demographic change; and (iii) boosting productivity and competitiveness by developing the private sector. Including these areas, SSKS plays a much more important role than any investment or financial assistance ADB could possibly extend to UMICs. In addition, UMICs also have vast amounts of successful economic and social development experiences that could be more widely shared with other DMCs. To meet the objectives of enhancing knowledge solutions (defined as case studies, research, big data analysis, pilot demonstration activities, experimentation, and information used to solve development problems) in DMCs, a platform that would enable faster and more flexible responses to country knowledge needs to support SSKS activities as One ADB is required more than ever.</p> <p>The main issues of current SSKS arise from lack of financial resources to readily respond to the knowledge needs and demands of DMCs, absence of an internal mechanism for assembling existing knowledge and experience of ADB, and unclear monitoring, capturing, and sharing of project-based SSKS. (See the supplementary attachment for more information.) Subsequently, the approach on SSKS taken by ADB as a regional development institution has several areas that can be improved by (i) linking efforts at the project level to each other to ensure knowledge flows out of one DMC and into another; (ii) creating an operational mechanism to understand and respond to knowledge demand and supply of DMCs across the boundaries of ADB's regional departments; (iii) creating a platform by which knowledge (including third-party content) held by ADB staff and consultants, DMCs, and development partners can be freely exchanged; and (iv) systematically capturing the use of knowledge by DMCs and the impact of knowledge sharing.</p>
Impact	The overall impact of the TA will be DMCs adopting knowledge solutions addressing priority needs in Asia and the Pacific.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	The expected outcome will be ADB delivering knowledge solutions in line with respective country knowledge plans.
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge solution and sharing mechanism (KSSM) developed 2. Pilot knowledge solution exercises conducted 3. Documentation of solutions shared via dedicated knowledge portal
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	

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	<p>1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB), through the regional cluster capacity development technical assistance (TA) Knowledge for Solutions, is taking fresh approaches to peer-to-peer sharing, learning, knowledge capture, and problem solving in order to work more efficiently with its DMCs to solve development problems faster. A team of staff will oversee the subproject. A consultancy input will, however, be needed to supplement staff inputs. The subproject will require the services of an individual national consultant. The consultant will be recruited through the consultant management system, following ADB's Operations Services and Financial Management Department guidelines.</p> <p>2. South_South knowledge exchange logistical coordinator (individual, national, 12 person-months, intermittent over 18 months). The coordinator will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) assist with logistical coordination for knowledge exchanges,(ii) ensure all materials are collected for documentation of exchanges,(iii) assist in preparing materials about exchanges for uploading,(iv) conduct survey of impact of exchanges, and(v) assist in preparing the final report to record lessons learned.
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	14 Aug 2014 to 27 Aug 2014
MRM	-
Approval	08 Dec 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	16 Jan 2015

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
08 Dec 2014	-	08 Dec 2014	31 Aug 2016	15 Nov 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
410,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	410,000.00	08 Dec 2014	334,124.71

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