



Pakistan: Supporting Development of Additional Financing for Social Protection Development Project

Project Name	Supporting Development of Additional Financing for Social Protection Development Project	
Project Number	45233-005	
Country	Pakistan	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9788-PAK: Supporting Development of Additional Financing for Social Protection Development Project	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 225,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Public administration	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity	
Description	The knowledge and support TA will primarily help with the setting up of the proposed Policy and Research Unit (PRU), inline with the envisaged institutional strengthening of the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP). This KSTA is expected to help operationalize the concept of the PRU and assist in key factors such as staffing model, contract design, terms of reference, recruitment process, reporting lines, performance evaluations mechanisms, monitoring and evaluation plan, and budgeting. Subsequently, this KSTA will ensure BISP-additional financing's project readiness and minimize possible start-up delays in its implementation.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) was launched in 2008 as the country's primary social protection program and is one of the largest social protection programs in South Asia. The program has three primary objectives: a) enhance financial capacity of the poor and their dependents, b) formulate and implement comprehensive policies and targeted programs for the poor and vulnerable, and c) reduce poverty and promote equitable distribution of wealth, especially for low income groups. The program was supervised by the Ministry of Finance at inception and is now under the administrative domain of the newly set up Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division. A new Government, formed in August 2018, has made it a priority to retain and expand BISP as the primary social safety net tool for the ultra-poor in Pakistan (Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI), _First 100 Days Agenda_, 2018). The Prime Minister has announced the Ehsaas Policy with key areas for Kifalat (which includes programs for graduation of BISP beneficiaries) and Tahafuz (which focuses on providing a precision safety net for the poor). BISP's primary operation is the Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) modality which is paid exclusively to eligible women and, as of January 2019, it has disbursed PRs563.57 billion to over 5.6 million beneficiary families (17% of the population).</p> <p>The Government of Pakistan has made it a priority to retain and expand BISP as the priority social safety net tool for the ultra-poor in Pakistan. It has requested ADB to finance a new investment in social protection and poverty reduction that will build on SPDP and assist BISP in expanding into new modalities, like CCTs, that will help target intergenerational poverty and lead to decreased gender inequality. Support for this renewed investment is included in the country operations business plan (COBP) 2019-2021 for Pakistan. In the interim, the government has requested Additional Financing as a transition between this first phase and second phase of BISP. The Additional Financing will assist BISP in continuing to disburse UCTs essential given the bleak economic context - but will also help with improvement in institutional capacity, and in establishing a Policy Research Unit that will help develop and pilot new interventions and poverty reduction modalities that can be piloted and prepared for national scale up before the next SPDP investment.</p>	
Impact	Reduced income poverty and non-income poverty for poor families in Pakistan (2007 National Social Protection Strategy)	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Institutional knowledge and capacity for effective social protection and poverty reduction improved.	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Strategic Business Plan for BISP prepared PRU operational plan fully developed Priority actions and plan for strengthening fiduciary systems and EFC framework developed	
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	Policy and Research Specialist - Team Lead (International Consultant) Policy and Research Specialist - National
Responsible ADB Officer	Omer Zia
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City 1550, Philippines
Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	02 Aug 2019 to 02 Aug 2019
MRM	-
Approval	13 Aug 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	20 Aug 2019

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
13 Aug 2019	-	13 Aug 2019	31 Aug 2020	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00	13 Aug 2019	0.00

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