



# Pakistan: Social Protection Development Project (Additional Financing)

Project Name	Social Protection Development Project (Additional Financing)	
Project Number	45233-006	
Country	Pakistan	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan 3837-PAK: Social Protection Development Project - Additional Financing	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 200.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Education - Education sector development - social protection initiatives Health - Mother and child health care Public sector management - Social protection initiatives	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity	
Description	The proposed additional financing will help the Government of Pakistan to scale up the ongoing project to continue support to the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), the country's primary social protection program and one of the largest social protection programs in South Asia. The support will (i) enable disbursement of unconditional cash transfer (UCT) payments to eligible BISP beneficiaries against the backdrop of a difficult macroeconomic situation, and (ii) further improve the institution's capacity for financial management and control, and policy research, data analytics and intervention design.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Despite substantial reductions in poverty rates, a quarter of the population remains below the poverty line. Pakistan showed a substantial decline in poverty headcount from 64.3% in 2001 to 24.3% in 2015. However, the pace of poverty reduction has not been uniform throughout the country, with greater annual rates of decline in urban areas (9%) compared to rural areas (6%). Rural poverty is more than twice as high as urban poverty with rural areas still accounting for 4 out of 5 poor individuals, a share that is unchanged since 2001.	
Impact	Income poverty and non-income poverty for poor families in Pakistan reduced (2007 National Social Protection Strategy)	
<b>Project Outcome</b>		
Description of Outcome	Resilience of BISP female beneficiaries and their families increased	
Progress Toward Outcome		
<b>Implementation Progress</b>		
Description of Project Outputs	Cash transfer program coverage expanded BISP graduation program implemented Financial management and control systems and policy research improved	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
<b>Safeguard Categories</b>		
Environment	C	
Involuntary Resettlement	C	
Indigenous Peoples	C	
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Responsible ADB Officer	Laisiasa Tora	
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department	
Responsible ADB Division	Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division, CWRD	

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	11 Jul 2019
Fact Finding	02 Jul 2019 to 12 Jul 2019
MRM	08 Aug 2019
Approval	11 Jul 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	07 Oct 2019

## Loan 3837-PAK

Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	204.50	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	200.00	-	0.00	0.00	%
Counterpart	4.50	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	%

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