



Regional: Knowledge for Solutions - Partnerships-Centers of Excellence (Subproject 1)

Project Name	Knowledge for Solutions - Partnerships-Centers of Excellence (Subproject 1)		
Project Number	48242-006		
Country	Regional		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8827-REG: Knowledge for Solutions - Partnerships-Centers of Excellence (Subproject 1)		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 530,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions Partnerships		
Sector / Subsector	Education - Education sector development Energy - Energy sector development and institutional reform Health - Health sector development and 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 will establish institutional level partnerships that allow ADB to proactively partner with centers of excellence (COEs) that have specific research activities that can directly contribute to ADB's work programs in selected countries.</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>The KMAP and KORM suggest ADB use its operations cycle to ensure ADB's knowledge solutions are DMC-led. The MTR Action Plan directs ADB to appoint country directors of resident missions as _knowledge custodians_, authorized to coordinate the design and implementation of country knowledge management plans create a framework involving flexible procurement rules and financing arrangements to facilitate strategic knowledge partnerships with external institutions, including research and academic institutions and civil society organizations and individuals; and develop a knowledge portal.</p>		

Impact	The overall impact of the TA will be DMCs adopting knowledge solutions addressing priority needs in Asia and the Pacific.
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Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	The expected outcome will be ADB delivering knowledge solutions in line with respective country knowledge plans.
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Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	Centers of excellence (COEs) actively providing ideas (knowledge solutions) to solve problems
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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. Several consultancy inputs will, however, be needed to supplement staff. The centers of excellence (COEs) will be engaged through the indefinite delivery contract (IDC) modality. The subproject will require the services of an individual national consultant in logistical and event coordination, the internet, communications, and project management. The consultant will be recruited through the consultant management system, following ADB's Operations Services and Financial Management Department guidelines.</p> <p>2. Center of Excellence (international, IDC modality, intermittent over 20 months). Selected Centers of Excellence will be engaged through the IDC modality. The terms of reference (TOR) for each COE will include agreements for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) contributing research papers, technical presentations, participating as resource persons in ADB-supported knowledge sharing events, capacity development activities; (ii) contributing to ADB-supported knowledge products including authoring publications (books, papers, policy briefs) in full or in part or doing peer reviews; (iii) providing on-demand expert advice based on research findings to ADB's staff or government agencies under the auspices of ADB supported operations; (iv) developing proposals for and implementing ADB-supported pilot innovation projects; and (v) applying standard agreements provided by the Department of External Relations on items such as use of copyright, copublishing agreements, etc. <p>3. Each COE nominate an expert to make a presentation at the ADB annual event. The expert will develop the details of the presentation in close consultation with the RSDD staff, concerned focal persons in the sector and thematic groups and regional departments. The COEs whose presentations are finally selected as innovative, replicable, and scalable under ADB projects, will develop the ideas further into a proposal that can be funded by ADB, in close consultation with the concerned persons in sector and thematic groups and regional departments.</p> <p>4. COE coordinator (individual, national, 10 person-months, intermittent over 20 months). The coordinator will assist the ADB project team in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) communicating and logistical coordination for activities associated with COEs within and outside Asia and the Pacific; (ii) communicating with entrepreneurs and financiers who work on innovations; (iii) and planning and organizing the annual events that showcase innovative ideas for addressing development problems.
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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	23 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	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
530,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	530,000.00	08 Dec 2014	499,977.53

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