



# Bangladesh: Support to Southwest Area Integrated Water Resources Planning and Management Project – Additional Financing

Project Name	Support to Southwest Area Integrated Water Resources Planning and Management Project – Additional Financing				
Project Number	34418-024				
Country	Bangladesh				
Project Status	Approved				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 6834-BAN: Support to Southwest Area Integrated Water Resources Planning and Management Project Additional Financing</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 1.00 million</td> </tr> </table>	TA 6834-BAN: Support to Southwest Area Integrated Water Resources Planning and Management Project Additional Financing		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships				
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural production - Rural water policy, institutional and capacity development - Water-based natural resources management				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity				
Description	Water resource management in ensuing project areas. The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) is the apex water resource management body directing water-related policy and strategy in the country, while the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) is its principal agency. BWDB is notable for technical capacities in planning and development of water-related infrastructure. However, further capacity augmentation of BWDB in decentralized water management and integrated planning that is flexible and adaptable to future development pathways is needed. This is particularly relevant for the low-lying areas of Tungipara and Kotalipara Upazilas where flooding and drainage congestion affects 23,169 hectares (ha) of cultivable area. While the project plans to address some of these challenges through FCD/I strengthening, these regions are fraught with complex interlinked hydrological, hydraulic, environmental, social and economic challenges that are further complicated by the rapid transformation of the hitherto predominantly agricultural rural economic landscapes. The project recognizes that structural transformations of the economy intrinsically benefit the skilled and educated to capitalize on emerging economic opportunities and marginalize the poor and vulnerable groups and women from the development narrative. Considering the high poverty and low adult literacy levels (59.5%) and disparities (0.16 0.19 Gini coefficient in 2010) prevalent in project areas and the predicted additional unemployment due to environmental vulnerabilities, a comprehensive study to map the nature and extent of causalities and determinants of the impact on livelihoods and develop the strategies to improve rural household incomes and strengthen their economic resilience is necessary.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The proposed grant will address some of the above diverse, complex and interlinked institutional challenges by strengthening the sustainability of capacity building interventions under ongoing and ensuing projects as well as support project preparatory activities of ensuing project, which is a replication of the successful interventions of SAIWRPMP and ongoing projects. Therefore, a TA facility approach is suitable as it will (i) create synergies in dissemination of best practices, capacity building activities and knowledge transfer, (ii) improve project implementation readiness as due diligence activities of ensuing project will be similar to ongoing project, (iii) strengthen coordination and synergy among stakeholders during preparation and implementation, and (iv) reduce comparative transaction costs and improve efficiency. A One ADB approach will be adopted in framing and developing the rural livelihoods study. Cohesiveness and strategic alignment in the scope of the TA facility will be ensured through consultations with relevant sector divisions within ADB and with external stakeholders.				
Impact					
Project Outcome					
Description of Outcome					
Progress Toward Outcome					
Implementation Progress					
Description of Project Outputs					
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)					
Geographical Location	Gopalganj, Kotalipara Upazila, Tungipara				
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 All consulting services will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Policy and Regulation.

Procurement All procurement will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Policy and Regulation.

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#### Timetable

Concept Clearance -  
Fact Finding -  
MRM -  
Approval 22 Nov 2021  
Last Review Mission -  
Last PDS Update 22 Nov 2021

## TA 6834-BAN

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	-	0.00

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