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Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2018-11-30
Borrower	Government of Bangladesh
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 70.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 70.00 million

Project Description

The proposed Market and Value Chain Infrastructure Development Project (MVCIDP) will establish a modern safe food value chain for high value perishable crops to service markets in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The value chain will link farmers to a handling and intermediary network, which in turn will link to end users that include food processors, retailers and exporters. There is a critical role for the private sector to invest in, manage and operate the value chain infrastructure and services. Private sector participation, including through public-private partnership, is key to future program sustainability. The rationale for public sector intervention is to address failure in the market to provide appropriate price premiums for safe food which thus deters private sector investment in the value chain.

Although Bangladesh has achieved food self-sufficiency there remain problems with food security and access to safe, diverse and nutritious diets. Bangladesh is also experiencing rapid urbanization and a growing middle class that demands a more diversified diet and safer and more nutritious foods. However, food safety is constrained by poor on-farm and post-harvest management practices, lack of food safety standards and testing procedures, and quality assurance along the value chain. Additional problems with the prevalent traditional marketing system include physical and quality losses from farm to consumer often exceeding 30%, and high price volatility from inability to store perishable products. To address these problems will require (i) investment in value chain infrastructure including collection and distribution centers, cold storages, refrigerated transport, and testing facilities; (ii) improve the capacity of actors in the value chain to produce, process, distribute and market safe food; and (iii) provide credit to facilitate adoption of new technologies and private infrastructure.

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