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Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2016-12-15
Sectors	Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.80 million

Project Description

DESCRIPTION

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) is a statutory and independent organization of the Government formed under the Anti-Corruption Commission Act, 2004. Its functions are mainly two fold. Firstly, to enquire and investigate the allegations of corruptions and prosecute the cases. Secondly, to create awareness against corruption and to promote the values of honesty and integrity. Proper investigation, prosecution and timely disposal of cases leading to conviction are critical for ACC to become effective and gain public confidence. Presently, there are more than 6,235 pending enquiries and investigation and the number of cases under trial/pending in special judges' courts and higher courts is around 4,000. There are around 300 enquiry officers (EOs) & investigating officers (IOs) and more than 120 public prosecutors at the disposal of ACC to enquire, investigate and prosecute the cases. ACC does not have any automated system to monitor and evaluate the activities of the EOs, IOs and the public prosecutors which is causing delay in quick disposal of the cases.

The proposed TA Enhancing Institutional Capacity of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) aims to develop a web-based software titled Investigation and Prosecution Management System (IPMS) for ACC so that the activities of the enquiry and & investigation officers and the public prosecutors could be monitored and the status of a particular case could be easily tracked and ultimately the average time to complete a case could be reduced. It also aims to digitize and archive the documentary evidence relating to a case so that the evidences are not lost or destroyed in the lengthy process of enquiry and prosecution.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

Corruption is a big challenge for ensuring inclusive and sustained economic development of Bangladesh. The incidence of corruption is quite high throughout the public sector. In the latest published Corruption Perception Index (CPI) of 2015 by Transparency International (TI), Bangladesh has been placed in 139th position with a score of 25 (in a scale of 0 to 100, 0 implying most corrupt and 100 implying least corrupt).

To fight corruption effectively the Government has enacted the Anti-Corruption Act (2004) and reconstituted the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). However, enquiry and & investigation and prosecution of cases is still a weak area of ACC. According to ACC estimate, currently it takes more than 36 months to complete the enquiry, investigation and prosecution of a case. The proposed TA aims to strengthen monitoring of the activities of the enquiry & investigation officers and the prosecution officers through the use of ICT so that the cases could be completed within a shorter period of time.

IMPACT

Efficiency of ACC in combatting corruption improved.

CONSULTING SERVICES

A consulting firm will be engaged following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time) using quality and cost-based selection (80:20) with full technical proposal.

PROCUREMENT

The consultants will be responsible for procuring the software and hardware and developing the web-based IPMS software in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time), with prior approval from ADB.

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Technical Assistance Special Fund US$ 500,000.00

TA: Enhancing the Institutional Capacity of the Anti-Corruption Commission
Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund US$ 300,000.00

Contact Information

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF ADB

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Bank Documents

- Enhancing the Institutional Capacity of the Anti-Corruption Commission: Technical Assistance Report [Original Source]
- Project Disclosure PDF