

 Early Warning System

ADB-50140-001

Information Technology Parks for Employment and Innovation



Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2016-08-24
Sectors	Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 0.32 million



Project Description

DESCRIPTION

During the 2015 programming mission, the government requested to include the project supporting development of the information technology (IT) parks in the list of Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s future pipeline projects, and the project was subsequently reflected as a 2017's lending pipeline project in Bangladesh's country operations business plan, 2016 -2018. As a request of the government, ADB fielded four missions including a reconnaissance mission on 19 -30 May 2016, and an initial project concept was developed and agreed. An amount of \$225,000 is proposed to be drawn for this small-scale project preparatory technical assistance (TA) to help preparatory works for designing the proposed loan, Information Technology Parks for Employment and Innovation Project in a timely manner. The TA outline was confirmed by the government during ADB's reconnaissance mission in May 2016, and re-confirmed during ADB's consultation mission in August 2016.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

One of the challenges to spur industry development is limited IT infrastructure. The government has already taken initiatives including developing a number of IT parks which can form the hubs for the industry development by aggregating physical, human, and research and development resources. Currently, two parks, Kaliakoir Hi-Tech Park and Jessore Software Technology Park, are being developed with public private partnership (PPP), partly supported by the World Bank. With ADB's support, the government expects to develop replicable models including construction of research and development buildings and business incubation centers from these two for other IT parks.

IMPACT

Design of high quality IT park projects in Bangladesh improved

CONSULTING SERVICES

The executing agency of the TA will be the Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority, ICT Division, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology. ADB will recruit consultants in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Consultants will be recruited through a firm.

PROCUREMENT

The simplified technical proposal and quality- and cost-based selection method with quality-cost ratio of 90:10 will be used. Equipment to be used for the TA implementation will be procured in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time). They will be turned over to the government upon completion of the TA implementation. Disbursements will be done in accordance with the TA Disbursement Handbook (May 2010, as amended).



Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

TA 9160-BAN: Preparing Information Technology Parks for Employment and Innovation
Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 225,000.00

TA: Information Technology Parks for Employment and Innovation (Supplementary)
Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 100,000.00



Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- [Information Technology Parks for Employment and Innovation Project: Initial Poverty and Social Analy](#) [Original Source]
- [Project Disclosure PDF](#)



Other Related Projects

- ADB-50140-002 Improving Computer and Software Engineering Tertiary Education Project