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Quick Facts

Countries	India
Specific Location	Uttar Pradesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2018-09-26
Borrower	Government of India
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services, Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 0.25 million



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Project Description

According to the bank website, "the Government of Uttar Pradesh's Agriculture Policy 2013 set a vision for the state being the Granary of the Nation' by ensuring food and nutritional security, and to improve the quality of village life with inclusive and sustainable growth. To achieve this vision, the target of the Government of Uttar Pradesh is to grow the agriculture sector by 5.1% per year, and to encourage private sector participation in the field of agricultural research, development, extension, input management and agricultural marketing. In terms of relevance to improved agricultural value chains, the policy identified the need to (1) increase the income of farmers through agricultural diversification towards high value activities; and (2) develop infrastructure facilities in sectors of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, agriculture implements, extension services, food processing and marketing by promoting private sector involvement across the agricultural value chain. To achieve the goal of achieving annual agricultural growth rate of 5.1%, Uttar Pradesh's Agricultural Policy 2013 identified a number of interventions. Those specifically relating to enhancement of agricultural value chains include: (1) development of marketing infrastructure and setting up agro-processing units in producing areas to minimize wastage and create off-farm employment opportunities; (2) provision of active support for promotion of cooperative form of enterprises; and (3) promotion of private sector investment in agriculture and adoption of a public-private partnership across the agricultural supply chain. The lessons from a recently closed agribusiness project in Maharashtra state shares the major findings as follows: (1) adopting public-private partnerships (PPP) is complex and may not be suitable for all value chains, (i2) project design should allow the private sector to identify their infrastructure needs and submit sub-project proposals based upon their business interests, and (3) alternative forms of value chain financing (grants and subsidies versus alternative forms of finance) need to be tailored to the specific value chain problem.



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