Early Warning System

ADB-54295-001

Modernizing Vocational Education and Training for Economic Diversification Sector Development Program

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Quick Facts

Countries	Azerbaijan
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Government of Azerbaijan
Sectors	Education and Health, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Grant, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 150.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 150.00 million
Grant Amount (USD)	$ 0.75 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 245.75 million

Project Description

According to the ADB, the proposed sector development program (SDP) will help transform vocational education and training (VET) in Azerbaijan to develop the human capital needed for economic diversification and the fourth industrial revolution (4IR), and promote gender equality. The SDP is closely aligned with the Government of Azerbaijan's strategic objective of transforming the country's human capital into a driving force to accelerate sustainable, inclusive, private sector-led, and diversified growth.

Transforming Azerbaijan's VET system requires sector policy reforms to overcome the binding constraints, and modern VET institutions. In this context, the two-tranche, stand-alone policy-based loan (PBL) component will support the government's medium-term reforms to strengthen the financing, quality and relevance, and institutional set-up of VET; while the project component will help modernize the selected VET institutions and bolster the institutional capacity to deliver the reforms.

The expected impact is the modernization of Azerbaijan's human capital into a driving force for accelerating sustainable, inclusive, private sector-led, and diversified economic growth. The expected outcome will be the improved responsiveness of the VET system to the needs of the labor market and 4IR. The SDP's three outputs are: (i) Financing of vocational education and training improved, (ii) Quality and relevance of vocational education and training strengthened, and (iii) Institutional framework of the vocational education and training sector strengthened.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The ADB categorized the project E&S risks as follows:

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	C

Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

According to the ADB, the OPEC Fund for International Development will provide funds in the amount of US$ 85.00 million to the project, and the counterpart financing from the Government of Azerbaijan will amount to US$ 10.00 million.

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Bank Documents

- Concept Paper
- Initial Environmental Examination
- Initial Poverty and Social Analysis
- Project Disclosure PDF
- Proposed VET Institutions Consolidated Social Safeguard Due Diligence Report

Other Related Projects

- ADB-54295-002 Preparing the Modernizing Vocational Education and Training for Economic Diversification Sector Development Program