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Quick Facts

Countries	Pakistan
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-08-10
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.50 million
Grant Amount (USD)	$ 0.50 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 1.00 million

Project Description

According to the ADB project page, The Technical Assistance (TA) is attached to the concept paper for a proposed loan of $125 million supporting financial inclusion of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSME) and income-generating households in Pakistan. The objective of the proposed project is to restore economic resilience of the household and MSME borrowers in response to the ongoing COVID-1 crisis and help kick-start lending.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

In June 2020 Pakistan's microfinance industry serviced approximately 6.9 million borrowers with outstanding loans of approximately $1.9 billion (PRs 299 billion). Since 2015 the micro and small enterprise (MSE) loan book has grown at a compound average growth rate (CAGR) of 35% while client outreach increased at a CAGR of 20%. However, due to the economic decline in 2019 and COVID-19, client outreach and loan disbursements to households dropped sharply and further decline is anticipated until end 2021. Women borrowers were particularly hard hit declining 9% from June 2019-June 2020.

Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

The TA is estimated to cost $1,000,000, of which (i) $500,000 will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-other sources) and (ii) $500,000 will be financed on grant basis by the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund and administered by ADB.

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure PDF [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- ADB-54424-001 Women Inclusive Finance Sector Development Program (Subprogram 1)