

 Early Warning System

ADB-55041-001

Strengthening Social Resilience Program (Subprogram 1)



Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2021-06-18
Borrower	People's Republic of Bangladesh
Sectors	Education and Health, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 250.12 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 250.00 million
Grant Amount (USD)	\$ 1.20 million



Project Description

According to the bank document, the proposed program aims to support the Government of Bangladesh to strengthen social resilience of people in Bangladesh. It is consistent with the country partnership strategy for Bangladesh, 2016 2020 (priority investment areas of improving human capital through social programs and improving rural livelihoods) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Strategy 2030 (operational priority 1, operational priority 2, and operational priority 6).

The rationale of this project is to provide for social protection interventions to the poor in Bangladesh who have been made more vulnerable to the pandemic. The bank states that the government intends to leverage the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to strengthen its social protection programs as an essential means of building the resilience of the poor; supporting inclusive recovery; and working toward faster, sustainable, and resilient development.

The program provides holistic support to the institutional and policy reforms that will improve the inclusiveness and responsiveness of social development. It defines three reform areas to tackle the cross-sector issues of social development: (i) reform the social protection system by improving its coverage and efficiency, (ii) ease the policy constraints on financial inclusion, and (iii) transform social protection by broadening its scope.

The policy actions are sequenced to allow the optimal phasing of reforms. Subprogram 1 supports the establishment of the national policy frameworks and the removal of technical and administrative constraints that make the social protection system inefficient. Building on this, subprogram 2 will focus on improving the administrative efficiency of the system and on strengthening its response to the diversified social and health needs of the people in Bangladesh.

The outcome will be improved inclusiveness and responsiveness of social development. The program has three reform areas: (i) coverage and efficiency of social protection improved, (ii) financial inclusion of disadvantaged people improved, and (iii) response to life cycle social and health needs strengthened.

ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL INFORMATION

The bank states that the due diligence identified no environmental, involuntary resettlement, and indigenous people impacts as defined by the safeguards assessment matrix of ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). It also states that the policy actions will not lead to adverse environmental and social impacts. The program will support policy actions that will improve the inclusiveness and responsiveness of social development in Bangladesh. Thus, the program is categorized C for environmental, involuntary resettlement, and indigenous people safeguards. Investment activities prohibited under the Safeguard Policy Statement will be excluded.



Investment Description

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- [Project Disclosure PDF](#) [Original Source]
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