

 Early Warning System

ADB-55113-001

Green and Resilient Rural Recovery through Agri-Food System
Transformation in the Asia and Pacific Region



Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu, Vietnam
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-12-16
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 4.10 million
Grant Amount (USD)	\$ 4.10 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project provides technical assistance to assess the impact of COVID-19 on the region's food and nutrition security and rural livelihood; and to help selected countries reshape their visions and investments for a greener and resilient recovery of agri-food value chains and rural economies from disruptions caused by COVID-19.

The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) for Green and Resilient Rural Recovery through Agri-Food System Transformation in the Asia and Pacific Region will (i) assess the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on the region's food and nutrition security and rural livelihood; and (ii) help developing member countries (DMCs) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) reshape their visions and investments for a greener and resilient recovery of agri-food value chains and rural economies from disruptions caused by COVID-19, which have exacerbated rural poverty and food and nutrition insecurity, particularly among women and vulnerable groups. To identify innovative technological and investment pathways through research and development activities to transform the agri-food systems for stronger long-term food and rural livelihood security, the TA will support comprehensive assessments of agri-food value chains and rural livelihood vulnerability and opportunity, and help DMCs formulate evidence-based short-, medium-, and long-term policy and investment responses to strengthen food and nutrition security and to accelerate rural development for the COVID-19 recovery era and beyond.

The TA will distill lessons (i) from experiences of ADB and its development partners, especially in rural vitalization, impact on women and their leadership role in responding to the pandemic and transforming agri-food systems, agribusiness value chain modernization, food security strengthening, climate investment, and design of eco-compensation mechanisms; and (ii) from implemented projects that have demonstrated deleterious effects of intensive farming and urbanization on land, health, and biodiversity. The TA will build upon the findings and outcomes and serve as a continuation of a regional TA that helped DMCs develop knowledge solutions for climate-smart agriculture (CSA) and inclusive and sustainable agribusiness value chains.



Investment Description

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The TA is estimated to cost \$4,100,000, of which (i) \$1,500,000 will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF) (\$1,000,000 under TASF 7 and \$500,000 under TASF-other sources); (ii) \$750,000 will be financed on a grant basis by the Climate Change Fund (CCF);¹⁷ (iii) \$500,000 will be financed on a grant basis by the Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund;¹⁸ (iv) \$550,000 will be financed on a grant basis by the Strategic Climate Fund¹⁹ and administered by ADB; and (v) \$800,000 will be financed on a grant basis by the People's Republic of China Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund (PRC Fund) ²⁰ and administered by ADB.



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