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Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-05-09
Borrower	Government of Bangladesh - Ministry of Finance
Sectors	Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 0.75 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 0.75 million



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Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the proposed technical assistance (TA) will help the government prepare the project, including due diligence, safeguards, and technical assessments for the ensuing project. The TA will also help facilitate implementation of strengthening NPA's capacity for pension operation. Particularly, the TA will help develop NPA's key institutional design, plan, and strategy. It will include the development of NPA's functional design and organizational structure, an operational capacity building plan, a community strategy, and a human resource plan. The TA support will build a basis for major interventions by the ensuing project to comprehensively strengthen NPA's capacity for pension operation in Bangladesh. The TA will further help implement the ensuing project through supporting capacity building of the implementing agency in its project management, such as procurement and financial management, and safeguards issues.

The ensuing project will provide comprehensive support to the National Pension Authority (NPA) in developing and strengthening its capacity for the operation of universal pension schemes (UPS) in Bangladesh, including (i) institutional capacity, (ii) operational capacity, (iii) governance capacity, and (iv) human resource capacity, which are necessary for sustainable UPS. The indicative project impact is income security system for the population aging strengthened. The indicative outcome is effectiveness of UPS improved. The indicative outputs include: (i) NPA's institutional capacity developed, (ii) NPA's operational capacity strengthened, (iii) NPA's governance capacity for pension operation strengthened, and (iv) NPA's human resource capacity enhanced. The ensuing project is estimated to cost \$100 million, with proposed funding from concessional ordinary capital resources.



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Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Technical Assistance Report, the Risk Categories are:

Environment: Not Applicable

Involuntary Resettlement: Not Applicable Indigenous Peoples: Not Applicable



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Investment Description

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The TA financing amount is \$750,000, which will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund 8 (TASF 8).

The government will provide counterpart support in the form of counterpart staff, assistance in arranging meetings with related agencies, and other in-kind contributions.



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Bank Documents

• Building Capacity for Universal Pension Schemes: Technical Assistance Report