Early Warning System

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Republic of Uzbekistan: Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Excellerator Program--Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Competitiveness and Market Access

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Quick Facts

Countries	Uzbekistan
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-12-19
Borrower	Government of Uzbekistan - Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade
Sectors	Industry and Trade, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 1.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 1.40 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the technical assistance (TA) will establish and operate the Small and Medium Size Enterprise (SME) Excellerator Program (hereinafter Program) to: (i) enhance investment readiness of SMEs for commercial financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and other financial institutions, (ii) strengthen SME competitiveness, and (iii) promote foreign trade and improve export competitiveness and access to overseas markets for Uzbekistan's SMEs. The Program will address both macro- and sector-level constraints while delivering tailored solutions for export-oriented SMEs nationwide, with inclusion embedded across outreach, delivery, and monitoring. Designed as a cost-recovery knowledge and support TA, it will provide an integrated package of policy advice, capacity development, and market linkages to catalyze private sector-led growth and export diversification.

In line with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between ADB and the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade (MIIT) in June 2025, the TA will deliver an integrated solution combining policy and sector reforms with SME-level acceleration and market linkages. It directly supports the Government's reform agenda outlined in Strategy Uzbekistan-2030 (Presidential Decree UP-158, 11 September 2023), the SME Development Strategy, and Presidential Decree UP-50 (19 March 2025) on enhancing SME and export support mechanisms.

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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The TA financing amount is $1,000,000 which will be financed by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF 8).7 The TA will be subject to arrangements seeking partial recovery of the amount financed under the TA. Under these arrangements, $400,000 will be provided by the Government of Uzbekistan through upfront payment from Trade Facility Fund and such funds will be administered by ADB.

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Bank Documents

- Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Excellerator Program — Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Competi