

 Early Warning System

ADB-48218-012

Implementation Support for the Nuts and Fruits in Hilly Areas Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Nepal
Specific Location	Bagmati Province, Gandaki Pradesh, Karnali Pradesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-06-30
Borrower	Government of Nepal
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 1.00 million
Grant Amount (USD)	\$ 1.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 1.00 million



Project Description

According to ADB documents, the objective of the proposed investment is to enhance the capacity of the executing and implementing agencies to implement the ensuing project and bring in expertise that is not available locally.

Technical assistance (TA) provided by this project will have three outputs: (i) Output 1. Disease-free nursery management and certification system improved; (ii) Output 2. Agriculture input support system digitized; (iii) Output 3. Carbon capture of fruit and nut orchard explored; and (iv) Output 4. Climate resilience of orchard management improved.

The TA adds value to the project implementation by enabling the implementing agencies to explore innovative ideas and approaches, such as carbon capture measurement and financing through revegetation of barren land, planting fruit and nut trees, digital payment for agricultural subsidies and other financial support, nursery management, and certification system development for nut and fruit farming which are new to Nepal.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

The implementation of donor-financed horticulture sector project through the three-tier government system is the first time to be done in Nepal since the promulgation of the new constitution in 2015. The TA is proposed to be approved before approval of the ensuing loan to build institutional and technical capacities of central, provincial and local governments given the new federal structure and ADB's new engagement with the National Center for Fruit Development (NCFD), provincial Ministry of Land Management, Agriculture and Cooperative (MOLMAC) and local governments. Also, the TA will also support the project implementation at farmer level by engaging national farmer group facilitators (see output 4). These facilitators will support local governments which are lacking human resources to effectively reach out to approximately 40,000 households under the ensuing project



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The TA is estimated to cost \$1.0 million and will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-7).



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Bank Documents

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