

 Early Warning System

ADB-49209-001

West Bengal State Finance Sector Development Program



Quick Facts

Countries	India
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 300.00 million



Project Description

DESCRIPTION

ADB and the Government of West Bengal have been working together since 2011 to improve the finances of the Government of West Bengal. The West Bengal State Finance Sector Development Program will help the state government to consolidate the public financial management reforms initiated under the first program (West Bengal Development Finance Program). The proposed program will also help the state to facilitate an enabling environment for private investment.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

The densely populated Indian state of West Bengal has high government expenditures, mostly concentrated in education and health, as well as salaries, pensions, and interest payments, but it generates little revenue. To fill this gap, the government must borrow and use other inefficient methods to pay for expenses. This has trapped the state in a vicious cycle of debt, which in turn put pressure on public resources and constrained the delivery of public goods and services.

IMPACT

The program is aligned with the state Government's effort to improve accessibility, quality, and affordability of public services (Source: Annual Plan Statements for 2013- 14, Department of Planning, Government of West Bengal. Priorities under the Plan remain the same).

OUTCOME

Investment in the state, both private and public, improved and sustained

CONSULTING SERVICES

A piggyback TA for \$400,000 will be approved along with the Second West Bengal Development Finance Program.

PROCUREMENT

not applicable



Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Loan: Second West Bengal Development Finance Program

Ordinary capital resources US\$ 300.00 million

TA: Second West Bengal Development Finance Program

Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 500,000.00



Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- [Project Disclosure PDF](#)
- [Second West Bengal Development Finance Program: Initial Poverty and Social Analysis](#) [Original Source]
- [West Bengal State Finance Sector Development Program : Project Data Sheet \(hindii\)](#) [Original Source]