

Enabling Better Access to Information through ADB's Public Communications Policy

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Objectives of the PCP

- Raise ADB profile with external stakeholders
- Achieve Transparency and Accountability in ADB Operations
- Support Knowledge sharing and lessons learnt
- Engage with Affected Peoples / Support participatory development

Presumed Disclosure

- . Presumption in favor of disclosure, unless clear criteria for confidentiality
- PCP exceptions listed in paras 126 and 127
- Redact rather than withhold

Disclosure Avenues

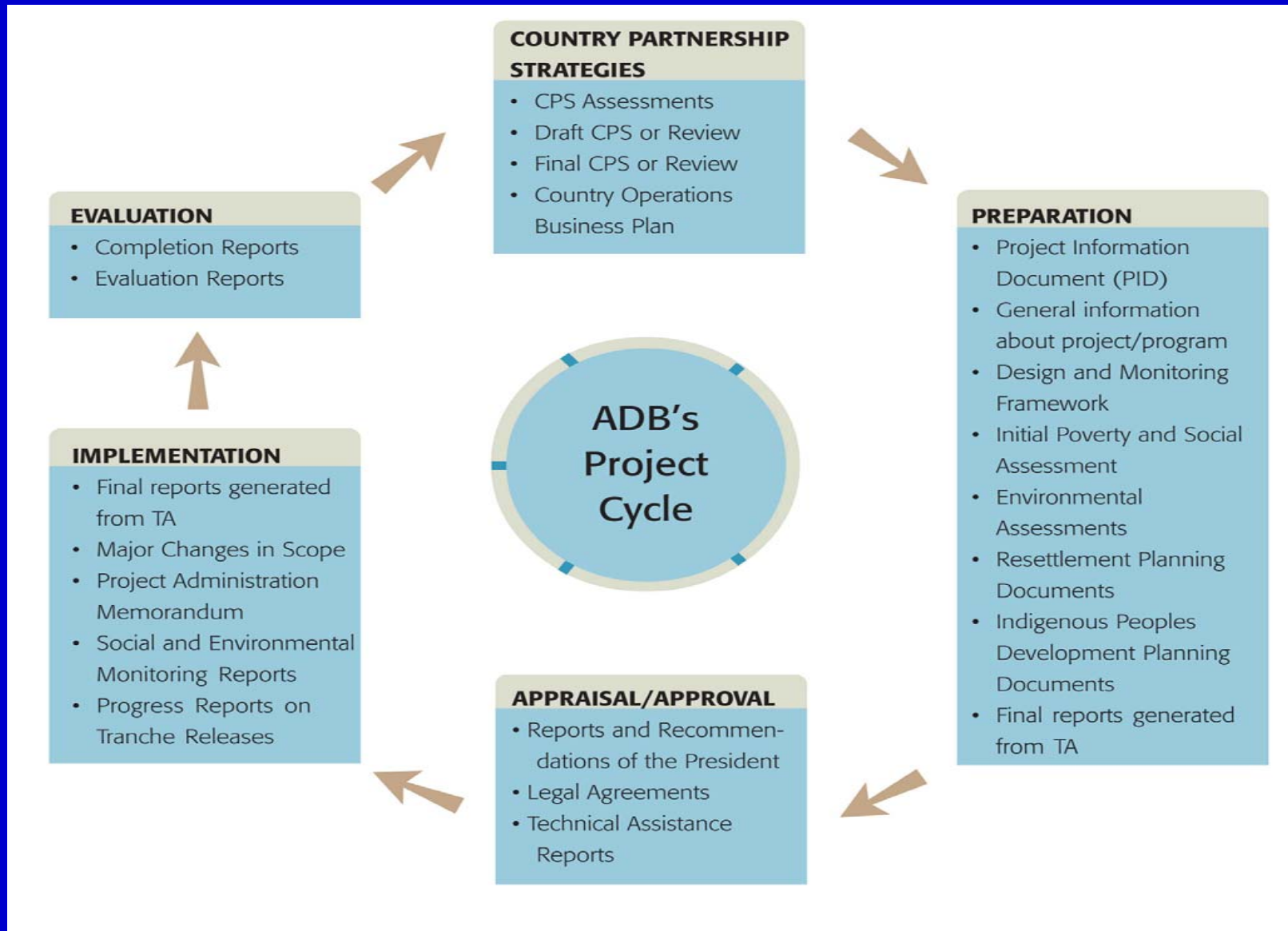
- Documents that must be made *publicly available*
- Documents that must be made *available to affected people...*
- Documents that may be made available upon request

What? Institutional Information

- Board schedule, minutes, chair's summaries
- ADB budget
- Committee reports to full Board
- Work program and budget framework

ADB's Operational Cycle

<http://www.adb.org/Documents/Handbooks/Disclosure/default.asp?p=disclose>



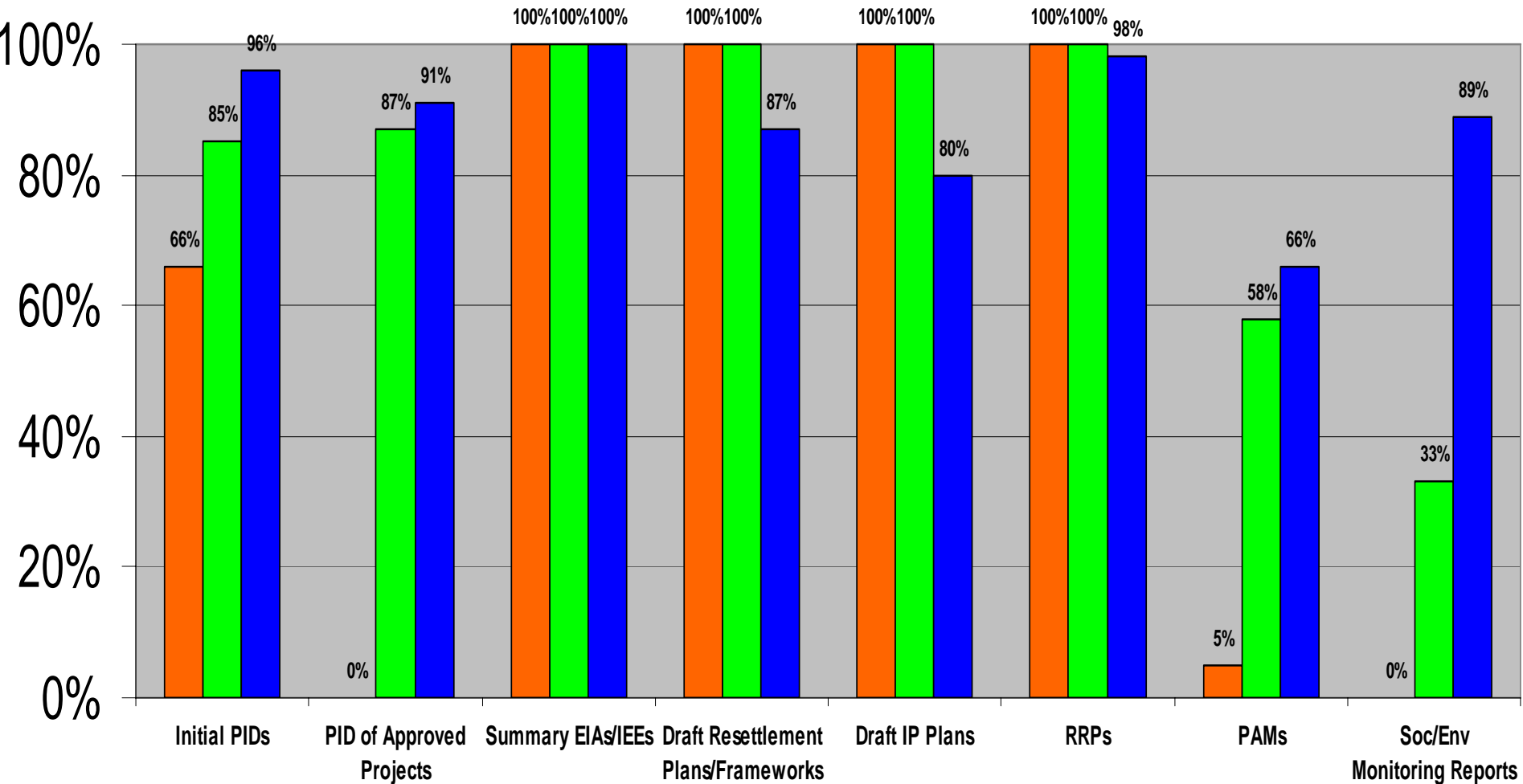
PCP Implementation Status

- Staff trained on PCP rules
- IT supporting systems
- Monitoring PCP for compliance
- PCP progress reports released annually
- PCP review by September 2010

Findings of the PCP Annual Report 2008

- Good progress on disclosure of project summaries (or PIDs)
- Board documents have a good level of compliance (TA Reports, RRP, completion reports...)
- Overall, timeliness of public disclosure improved for most document types
- Requests received by InfoUnit responded to in an average of 7 days
- Some documents still have insufficient level of disclosure, including timeliness (PID updates, PAMs, final consultant reports, resettlement and indigenous peoples documents)
- Field-level dissemination should be improved, including more effective translation of project-related information

Disclosure Compliance (Posted on ADB's Website)



Resources

- <http://www.adb.org/Disclosure/>
- Search engine for projects on adb.org
- Register for e-notification on adb.org
- Request Documents/Information at RM or disclosure@adb.org