

Completed Questionnaire on the Review of ADB's Disclosure and Information Policies

Policy on Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information

ADB's policy is to provide the greatest possible degree of transparency and disclosure in all areas of operations, subject to practical and legal constraints.

1. Public Perception of ADB in Implementing the Policy

- A. What is your view of ADB regarding access to information? Why? Please provide examples.
Most of the information including reports are easily accessible through ADB web site. I normally visit the site to get information.
- B. What is your view of ADB regarding transparency? Why? Please provide examples
I am not quite familiar with ADB until now. Therefore I don't think I can answer this question.
- C. What can ADB do to strengthen public participation and communication with people living in project areas?
There are options for ADB to be considered in its strategies to strengthen public participation and communication with people living in project areas. For example, ADB can use INGOs and NGOs as a vehicle to ensure the fund provided for the community living in the project receive it. ADB can also continue providing assistance to the national governments.

2. Disclosure of Documents to the Public during the Operational Cycle

- A. At what stage in the project cycle (identification, design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation) would it be most appropriate for ADB to share information? At what stage would the information be most useful to your organization or affected communities in project areas?
Certain information such as progress reports need to be shared regularly. However the information such as lessons learned documents should be shared at the end of the project. The information after the completion of the project such as evaluation report, project completion report and lessons learned documents are more useful for our programming.
- What kind of information?
Evaluation report, lessons learned documents, etc.
Country strategy
 - What do you need the information for?
Future programming
- B. Please give examples (if any) where failure to disclose information has decreased program or project effectiveness, or cost time and resources? Why?
Nil

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- C. Have you requested a document/information about a project while it is being designed or implemented? If so, what kind of document/information?
Nil
- Why did you want the document?
 - From which ADB office did you request the document?
 - Did you receive it? If not, why not? How long did you wait?
- D. ADB's Country Strategy and Program (CSP) process requires consultation with external stakeholders, including civil society. What information do you need about the CSP and its process to contribute to your country's strategy and program? When do you need it?
Framework of CSP and detailed procedure
- E. English is the working language of ADB. However, in your opinion, when would it be most useful for ADB to translate documents into other languages in your country?
Burmese
- What should be the criteria for translation? (i.e., what kind of documents, at what stage, etc.)
Evaluation reports, lessons learned documents, completion report

Information Policy and Strategy

ADB's information policy supports its strategic agenda and objectives, and the information strategy is based on the messages ADB intends to convey, the target audiences, and the modes of delivery it deems relevant to use.

- A. How well is ADB known in your country?
Very well since 1980s.
- B. Do you think ADB should be doing more to raise its profile in your country? If so, why? And how?
Yes. To really help the rural community. Through INGOs such as CARE.
- C. What are the most important channels in your country for ADB to communicate information about its mission, objectives and operations? Print media? Radio/TV? Internet? Community presentations? Others (please specify):
Through various media including TV, Radio, journals such as Myanmar time in both English and Burmese

Other Recommendations

What should be done to strengthen the Policy on Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information and the Information Policy and Strategy or make them more relevant?
Get inputs from different stakeholders.

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