

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.

As Women for Women has no direct link with ADB we are not knowledgeable enough to assess the public perception of ADB in implementing its policy. But on various occasion we have visited your web-site and downloaded documents, reports which are related to women's empowerment, rights of adolescents, trafficking etc. And we have found those online documents valuable, resourceful and accessible.

- B. What is your view of ADB regarding transparency? Why? Please provide examples
- We are not aware of ADB's activities so much to review its transparency.

- C. What can ADB do to strengthen public participation and communication with people living in project areas?

The question is not related to our experience.

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? Not applicable.

- What kind of information?

As far as Women for Women is concerned information on implementation, monitoring and evaluation mechanism of a project dealing with women's issue would be most useful.

- What do you need the information for?

We need that information to provide inputs for various research activities, dialogues, workshops, training modules as part of our activities.

- B. Please give examples (if any) where failure to disclose information has decreased program or project effectiveness, or cost time and resources? Why? Not applicable.

- C. Have you requested a document/information about a project while it is being designed or implemented? If so, what kind of document/information? No.

- Why did you want the document? Not applicable.
- From which ADB office did you request the document? Not applicable.
- Did you receive it? If not, why not? How long did you wait? Not applicable.

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- 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?
Not aware enough to comment on this.
- 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?
It might be useful for ADB to translate some documents into Bangla for easy understanding about some projects, its analysis, and evaluation. These might be useful to the grassroots NGOs throughout the country.
- What should be the criteria for translation? (i.e., what kind of documents, at what stage, etc.)
Documents on project implementation and evaluation might be translated for general users.

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?
ADB is a well-known international organization in Bangladesh. Its annual report is well documented and recognized as an important instrument for research and analysis.
- B. Do you think ADB should be doing more to raise its profile in your country? If so, why? And how?
We are not knowledgeable enough to evaluate its raise of profile.
- 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):
In Bangladesh ADB could communicate information about its mission, objectives and operations through print media, radio/TV, internet and community presentation.

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?

ADB could take initiatives to receive information from grassroots organizations and also could disseminate its reports to those organizations to strengthen the Policy on Confidentiality and disclosure of Information and the Information Policy and Strategy.

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