

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.
ADB is perceived as an organization which deals with only bilateral matters so it is taken as beyond reach of ordinary people or organization.
- B. What is your view of ADB regarding transparency? Why? Please provide examples.
Besides, occasional reports of ADB's involvement in some bilateral projects no other information is available.
- C. What can ADB do to strengthen public participation and communication with people living in project areas?
Organize seminars, dialogues and meetings with people and organizations involved with people. Have not seen any such activities by ADB.

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?
As far as we know ADB is very much involved in developing the transport system in Bangladesh. There is no local level discussion about what kind & how many roads etc are needed, even sharing into process.
What kind of information? Activities-Projects
What do you need the information for? Everything affects people and they are entitled to information.
- B. Please give examples (if any) where failure to disclose information has decreased program or project effectiveness, or cost time and resources? Why?
As we do not have any information about what projects you are involved in Bangladesh cannot give any opinion as to the effect of failure. But know that you are known as an organization which has no public involvement.
- 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, But must admit you, shared your documents on policy.
Why did you want the document? N/A
From which ADB office did you request the document? N/A
Did you receive it? If not, why not? How long did you wait? N/A

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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? [As an NGO involved in developing awareness about democracy among people, their participation in the process, creating leadership qualities among people through special training need to know CSP.](#)
- 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?
[Right away.](#)
What should be the criteria for translation? (i.e., what kind of documents, at what stage, etc.)
[Awareness building based documents, at the final stage and your activities in Bangladesh.](#)

Information Policy and Strategy

- A. How well is ADB known in your country? [Known as another international organization which has no direct impact on people.](#)
- B. Do you think ADB should be doing more to raise its profile in your country? If so, why? And how? [Yes, suggestions given in C. You are involved in some local activities but we are totally unaware about hoe the NGOs are selected & what are the criteria.](#)
- 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):
[Public broadcasting media e.g. Radio, Television, Internet and community presentation. The last one is the most important.](#)

Other Recommendations

[The policy should be named "Information Sharing". To me you have closed your organization by putting confidentiality before information. It is not a people friendly title.](#)

- [Rename it](#)
- [Translate it](#)
- [Share it with people, govt.](#)
- [Public involvement](#)

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