

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.

Very lacking. We couldn't get much information with regard to the designing of the Colombo Matara Highway. We also could not get information about Wildlife management and conservation project, Forest management project in Sri Lanka.

- B. What is your view of ADB regarding transparency? Why? Please provide examples
- Very Low. The above examples. When we wrote letters the responses only justify the project implementing agencies activities but do not give right information.

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

ADB has to provide regular briefing meeting to the NGOs in country and should have a regular meetings with the CBOs and community leaders in the project areas. The important information should be available in the country resident mission, implementing agency, project site etc.

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?

All stages. But more importantly identification and design stages

- What kind of information?
Project information, social and environmental impacts, alternatives
- What do you need the information for?
Provide opinion for a more feasible and sustainable project. Engage in advocacy on the project. To aware the affected people.

- B. Please give examples (if any) where failure to disclose information has decreased program or project effectiveness, or cost time and resources? Why?

Colombo –Matara Highway project. Upper watershed management project and Wildlife management and conservation project in Sri Lanka

- C. Have you requested a document/information about a project while it is being designed or implemented? If so, what kind of document/information?

Our organization and Our communities on above project sites requested detail information is several occations.

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- Why did you want the document?
To understand the project and for a more productive dialogue with the responsible agencies
- From which ADB office did you request the document?
Head Quaters
- Did you receive it? If not, why not? How long did you wait?
Some information we received but not satisfactory.

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?
We have not invited to this process and the Resident mission deals with the development NGOs only in this process.

E. When would it be most useful for ADB to translate documents into other languages? A: Design stage of the project. Q: Criteria for translation? A: Project design, Environmental Impact assessment, and compensation package if any

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
- B. Do you think ADB should be doing more to raise its profile in your country? If so, why? And how?
ADB is the most active funding agency in Sri Lanka. They provide many funds for infrastructure projects which directly impact(positive and negative) public.
- 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):
Community meetings are very important. Then print media.

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?

Not only the ADB but ALL THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES AND IMPLEMENTING GOVERNMENTS SHOULD FOLLOW THE SAME POLICY. THIS SHOULD BE A CONDITION FOR THE PROJECT. ALL IMPELENTING OFFICRES SHOULD AWARE THE POLY AND SHOULD FOLLOW THE SAME.

IN JOINT FUNDING PROJECTS THIS SHOULD BE THE CASE.

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