



Asian Development Bank & United Kingdom

FACT SHEET

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is dedicated to reducing poverty in the Asia and Pacific region through pro-poor sustainable economic growth, social development, and good governance. Established in 1966, it is owned by 67 member nations—48 from the region—who have committed \$143.53 billion to the vision of a region free of poverty.

Despite the region's many successes, it remains home to two thirds of the world's poor: 1.8 billion people who live on less than \$2 a day, with 903 million struggling on less than \$1.25 a day.

The United Kingdom is the 14th largest shareholder. It has contributed \$1.12 billion in capital subscription and \$895.3 million to special funds since joining in 1966.

Companies and consultants from the United Kingdom have been awarded \$1.74 billion in procurement contracts (based on nationality of contractor) on ADB-financed projects since 1967.

In 2008, lending volume was \$10.49 billion (86 projects), with technical assistance at \$274.5 million (299 projects) and grant-financed projects at \$811.4 million (49 projects). This also generated \$1.65 billion in direct value-added cofinancing from financing partnerships operations.

Over the last 5 years (2004–2008), ADB's annual lending volume averaged \$7.70 billion, with technical assistance averaging \$231.5 million and grant-financed projects \$655.1 million.

As of 31 December 2008, the cumulative totals were \$143.53 billion in loans for 2,147 projects in 41 countries, \$4.08 billion for 263 grant projects, and \$3.55 billion for 6,599 technical assistance projects.

In addition to loans, grants, and technical assistance, ADB uses guarantees and equity investments to help its developing member countries.

With headquarters in Manila, it has 26 offices around the world and more than 2,000 staff from over 50 countries.

Shareholding and Voting Power

The United Kingdom is the fifth largest shareholder in ADB among its nonregional members. Overall, the United Kingdom is the 14th largest shareholder.

Number of shares held:	72,262 (2.04% of total shares)
Votes:	85,494 (1.93% of total membership, 5.52% of total nonregional membership)
Overall capital subscription:	\$1.12 billion
Paid-in capital subscription:	\$78.32 million

Contributions to Special Funds Resources

The United Kingdom has contributed to the Asian Development Fund (ADF), which is ADB's window for concessional lending to its borrowing members, and to the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF), which provides grants to borrowing members to help prepare projects and undertake technical or policy studies.

Contributions to the ADF (committed):	\$868.02 million
Contributions to the TASF (committed):	\$27.28 million

Cofinancing

ADB arranges cofinancing from bilateral, multilateral, export credit agencies, and commercial sources, in the form of grants for technical assistance and components of loan projects, loans, and credit enhancement such as guarantees and syndications. Cofinancing brings additional resources to ADB's project financing. In 2008, total direct value-added (DVA) cofinancing amounted to \$1.65 billion for 101 projects, of which \$1.57 billion was for 25 investment projects and \$84.2 million was for 76 technical assistance projects. Cumulative DVA cofinancing for the period 1970–2008 amounted to \$15.74 billion for 1,221 projects, of which \$14.97 billion was for 305 investment projects and \$772.65 million was for 916 technical assistance projects.

Cofinancing Arrangement

- Memorandum of Understanding for Administrative Arrangements – established in 2005 to further strengthen an already effective partnership and set out future plans of ADB–DFID cooperation more systematically. Pro-poor policy development and implementation, regional programs, and enhanced cooperation at the country level are the principal foci for the collaboration.

Cofinancing with the United Kingdom from 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2008 comprised the following.

Investment Projects:	9 projects, cofinancing of \$168.45 million
Commercial:	3 projects, cofinancing of \$27.45 million
Grants:	6 projects, cofinancing of \$141.00 million
Technical Assistance:	37 projects, cofinancing of \$81.13 million

Trust Fund Agreements

Trust funds are key instruments to mobilize and channel grants from external sources to finance technical assistance and components of investment projects. They play an important role in complementing ADB's own grant resources. So far, bilateral, multilateral, and private sector partners have contributed more than \$2.0 billion in grants to ADB operations. Initially, trust funds were established through single-donor channel financing agreements targeting numbers of specific sectors. Over time, ADB has been increasingly switching to multidonor trust funds covering thematic issues. A more recent development is the establishment of trust funds under theme-focused umbrella initiatives called financing partnership facilities, which support priority areas in ADB Strategy 2020, such as water, clean energy, and regional cooperation and integration.

United Kingdom has contributed to the following trust funds:

Single-Donor Trust Fund

- Memorandum of Understanding on Establishment of a Cooperation Fund for Technical Assistance – established in 2001 in support of poverty-focused studies and technical activities in India

Cumulative commitment: £50.0 million

Multidonor Trust Fund

- Poverty Reduction Cooperation Fund – established in 2002
Cumulative commitment: £36.0 million

Share of ADB's Procurement Contracts

Each year, ADB provides loans to fund projects and activities in its Asian and Pacific developing members and several billion US dollars' worth of contracts to procure goods and consulting services.

Procurement contracts for goods and works, and consulting services under loan and technical assistance operations totaled \$6.97 billion in 2007 and \$7.52 billion in 2008. Cumulative procurement as of 31 December 2008 was \$92.83 billion. Most contracts were awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from any ADB member country, regional or nonregional.

United Kingdom's share of procurement contracts, 2007–2008 Loans (project and program loans combined) and technical assistance based on nationality of contractor

Item	2007		2008		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2008)	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
Goods and Works	1.56	0.02	1.79	0.03	865.68	1.01
Consulting Services	22.52	6.82	35.05	9.21	871.08	12.57

– = nil.

Investment projects cofinanced with the United Kingdom, 1 January 2004–31 December 2008

Country	Project	ADB Amount ^a (\$ million)	Cofinancing Amount (\$ million)	Type of Cofinancing ^b
Afghanistan	Roshan Phase II Expansion	40.00	17.39	C
Bangladesh	Second Rural Infrastructure Improvement	96.10	56.70	G
	Second Urban Primary Health Care	40.00	25.00	G
Cambodia	Health Sector Support (Supplementary)	–	1.80	G
China, People's Republic of	Municipal Natural Gas Infrastructure Development	50.00	4.50	C
Indonesia	Community Water Services and Health	64.69	7.50	G
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Nam Theun 2 Power Co. Ltd. for the GMS Nam Theun 2 Hydroelectric Project	50.00	5.56	C
Nepal	Rural Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program	–	20.00	G
Pakistan	Punjab Devolved Social Services Program	150.00	30.00	G

– = nil.

^a Loan, grant, or blend.

^b C = commercial cofinancing, G = grant cofinancing.

Contractors/Suppliers Involved in ADB Projects

Contractors/suppliers from the United Kingdom involved in ADB loan projects, 1 January 2004–31 December 2008

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Lagan Construction, Ltd.	Water Supply, Sanitation, and Waste Management	5.97
Lonestar Corporation Plc.	Multisector	2.32
Transgroup S.L.	Water Supply, Sanitation, and Waste Management	1.15
Reach International, Ltd.	Education	0.84
Enterplan, Ltd.	Multisector	0.40
Geest Overseas, Ltd.	Education	0.37
Sungard Sct. (UK), Ltd.	Education	0.37
Comdaq, Ltd.	Finance	0.30
Geotrace Technologies, Inc.	Education	0.28
Boxford, Ltd.	Health, Nutrition, and Social Protection	0.23

Consultants Involved in ADB Projects

As of 31 December 2008, 10,330 consultant contracts were awarded under ADB loan projects worth \$4.17 billion, of which 560 contracts were awarded to consultants from the United Kingdom worth \$494.2 million.

Top consultants (individual consultants and consulting firms) from the United Kingdom involved in ADB loan projects, 1 January 2004–31 December 2008

Consultant	Number of Times Contracted	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Roughton International	9	17.57
Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick & Company, Ltd.	3	15.19
Mott Macdonald, Ltd.	5	10.85
Nippon Koei UK Company, Ltd.	1	5.01
IMCL	1	3.60
British Individual Consultants*	19	3.21
WSP International Management Consulting, Ltd.	5	2.61
Cambridge Educational Consultants, Ltd.	9	2.32
Jacobs Engineering UK, Ltd.	1	1.60
ERU Consulting Group	1	1.38
Black & Veatch International, Ltd.	1	1.28
Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc.	1	0.98

* Consultant may have one or more contracts within the period covered.

From 1 January 1985 to 31 December 2008, 18,104 consultant contracts were awarded under ADB technical assistance projects worth \$2.33 billion, of which 1,543 contracts were awarded to consultants from the United Kingdom worth \$308.4 million.

Top consultants (individual consultants and consulting firms) from the United Kingdom involved in ADB technical assistance projects, 1 January 2004–31 December 2008

Consultant	Number of Times Contracted	Contract Amount (\$ million)
British Individual Consultants*	452	28.31
Landell Mills, Ltd.	6	4.75
GHK International, Ltd.	6	4.00
Maxwell Stamp Plc	3	2.84
British Power International, Ltd.	5	2.79
Corporate Solutions Consulting, Ltd.	3	2.60
HLS Consulting, Ltd.	1	2.00
ULG Northumbrian, Ltd.	3	1.90
Options Consultancy Services, Ltd.	1	1.76
Agrisystems, Ltd.	3	1.49
British Council (The)	2	1.38

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Depository Libraries

ADB's Depository Library Program was established in response to increasing public interest in the activities of multilateral development institutions. Many ADB documents available to the public are stored in 157 depository libraries worldwide.

ADB depository libraries in the United Kingdom

Host Institution	Contact Information
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ADB Governor

The Right Honorable Douglas Alexander, MP, Secretary of State for International Development, Department for International Development, is the Governor for the United Kingdom in ADB.

ADB Alternate Governor

Mr. Michael Foster, MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for International Development, Department for International Development, is the Alternate Governor for the United Kingdom in ADB.

ADB Executive Director

Mr. Eduard Westreicher is the ADB Executive Director for the United Kingdom effective 1 February 2009. Mr. Westreicher, who is from Germany, was Head of the division in charge of governance, democracy, and rule of law in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in Germany.

ADB Alternate Executive Director

Mr. Richard Edwards is the ADB Alternate Executive Director for the United Kingdom. Mr. Edwards, who is from the United Kingdom, was Deputy Head of the Department for International Development Uganda office before joining ADB.

ADB Executive Director's Advisors

Mr. Tobias Orschnig (who is from Austria) and **Mr. Cedric Crelo** (who is from Luxembourg), together with the Executive Director and Alternate Executive Director, also provide technical advice and assist interested parties of the constituency member countries in their contacts with ADB.

Constituency Represented

The constituency that Executive Director Westreicher and Alternate Executive Director Edwards represent on ADB's Board of Directors also includes Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, and Turkey.

ADB Staff Members

As of 31 December 2008, there were 33 professional staff members from the United Kingdom in ADB (27 men and 6 women), which represents 3.78% of the total professional staff, including six senior staff members.

Commercial Liaison to ADB

The Commercial Section of the British Embassy in Manila, in liaison with the ADB Executive Director for the United Kingdom, provides technical advice and assists British firms in pursuing business opportunities resulting from ADB activities. The British Embassy is located at 120 Upper McKinley Road, McKinley Hill, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Philippines.

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