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Bangladesh: Northwest Agriculture Development Project

Project Name	Northwest Agriculture Development Project
Project Number	32193-012
Country	Bangladesh
Project Status	Closed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	**TA 3230-BAN: Northwest Agriculture Development Project** Japan Special Fund — US$ 500,000.00
Strategic Agendas	
Drivers of Change	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture and Natural Resources - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	
Description	The objective of the technical assistance (TA) is to formulate a project for accelerating economic activities in agriculture in the northwest region by transforming subsistence agriculture into market oriented farm production in response to the opening of Bangabandu (Jamuna) Bridge that has created new opportunities in the region. The output of the TA will be a detailed proposal for possible external financing of the proposed investment project The Project will (i) raise yield of rice, wheat, maize, and horticulture crops by ensuring timely availability of quality inputs through expansion and development of existing seed supply facilities, especially those in private sector; (ii) establish appropriate credit delivery mechanism to promote agricultural development and agribusiness and provide credits to farmers and entrepreneurs in the region through such mechanism; (iii) promote extension services for crop intensification/diversification and aquaculture on a contract or partnership basis to provide the best services during proven technology; (iv) improve marketing systems including establishment of reliable market information system, improvement of packaging and post-harvest facilities and market development for high value fruit and vegetable for the domestic and export markets; and (v) establish a decentralized authority in Bogra that will coordinate the support and inputs of a range of Government agencies and NGOs expected to be involved under the Project.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	
Impact	

Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	Northwest region of Bangladesh

Safeguard Categories	
Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects
Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation
During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	A total of 39 person-months of consulting services, 22 person-months of international exterise and 17 person-months of domesic expertise will be required to prepare a project proposal suitable for external financing.

Responsible ADB Officer	Ahsan Tayyab
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Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	*Ministry of AgricultureM. A. M. M. Shawkat Ali, Secretary714, West Nakhalpara Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh*

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	18 Mar 1998
Fact Finding	20 Apr 1999 to 03 May 1999
MRM	-
Approval	26 Jul 1999
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	06 Feb 2007

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
26 Jul 1999	26 Sep 1999	26 Sep 1999	-	31 Jul 2000	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	26 Jul 1999	465,467.00

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