



Nepal: Agriculture Sector Development Program

Project Name	Agriculture Sector Development Program		
Project Number	48218-001		
Country / Economy	Nepal		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8690-NEP: Agriculture Sector Development Program		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 700,000.00
	TA 8690-NEP: Agriculture Sector Development Program (Supplementary)		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 200,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Rural market infrastructure		
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Description	The TA will prepare the design and monitoring framework, economic and financial analysis, program framework and policy matrix, financial management assessment, cost estimates and financing plan, procurement plan, terms of reference for consulting services, plan for improving economic opportunities for women and disadvantaged groups, social and environmental safeguards, a capacity-building plan for local government institutions and various ministries, implementation arrangements, and implementation schedule. The outcome of the TA will be a project design and feasibility study that the government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) will have agreed upon. The TA will (i) assess the economic viability of ASDP; (ii) explore options for private sector involvement in delivering key outputs including agribusiness development; (iii) conduct sector and policy analysis; (iv) prepare the program framework of ASDP; (v) review and update safeguard measures; and (vi) prepare the envisaged project interventions.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project preparatory technical assistance (TA) is needed for conducting technical, economic, financial, environmental, and social due diligence for the Agriculture Sector Development Program (ASDP).		
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			Nation-wide
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects			
Involuntary Resettlement			
Indigenous Peoples			
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation			
During Project Design	The stakeholders include (i) Ministry of Finance, (ii) Ministry of Agricultural Development, (iii) Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development, (iv) Department of Local Infrastructure and Agricultural Roads (DOLIDAR), (v) Department of Agriculture, and (vi) National Agriculture Research System. At the district level, District Agriculture Development Offices and District Development Committees are other stakeholders of the project. Beneficiaries include farmers including women, poor and disadvantaged farmers, rural communities, entrepreneurs, extension workers and field personnel, and staff of executing agencies and implementing agencies. The project will not have any negative effect on the people. The beneficiaries will participate in consultation session during the design of the activities under investment component.		
During Project Implementation	The primary stakeholders such as the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agricultural Development and Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development and their Departments such as Department of Agriculture, and DOLIDAR are already involved in the design of the program and due attention is being paid to inclusiveness of poor, vulnerable and excluded groups. The poor and excluded will be involved in the agriculture related activities under the investment component such as in the agriculture infrastructure improvement, rural connectivity, integration in value chain, employment during road upgrading, information dissemination and outreach on the agriculture extension services at the district and community levels and on nutrition and pilot crop insurance program to cover poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged farmers.		
Business Opportunities			
Consulting Services	ADB will recruit a team of consultants through a firm for a period of 5 months using quality- and cost-based selection (QCBS) method with 90:10 quality-cost ratio and simplified technical proposals. Consultants will provide 18 international and 38 national person-months of inputs and will be engaged by ADB in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).		

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Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance The Government of Nepal Singha Durbar Kathmandu, Nepal

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	24 Jul 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	15 Aug 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
24 Jul 2014	31 Aug 2015	31 Aug 2015	31 Oct 2015	31 Oct 2017	09 Feb 2018

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
900,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	950,000.00	17 Jun 2022	874,924.43

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