



Project Data Sheet

Project 47252-001

Project Name Far Western Region Urban Development Project

Project Number 47252-001

Country / Economy Nepal

Project Status Closed

Project Type /
Modality of Assistance Technical Assistance

TA 8817-NEP: Far Western Region Urban Development Project

Source of Funding / Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 500,000.00

Amount

TA 8817-NEP: Far Western Region Urban Development (Supplementary)

Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 1.00 million

Strategic Agendas Environmentally sustainable growth
Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change Gender Equity and Mainstreaming
Governance and capacity development

Sector / Subsector **Water and other urban infrastructure and services** / Other urban
services - Urban sanitation - Urban solid waste management - Urban water
supply

Gender Effective gender mainstreaming

The TA has 2 components: (A) Preparation of the Regional Urban Development Project (RUDP) for ADB Board consideration in Q3 2017 and (B) Analytical work and preparation of the Integrated Urban and Economic Corridor Investment Program (supplementary scope).

Description

Component A: The project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) is required to undertake due diligence to (i) assess improvements required to urban services in select municipalities in the Far Western Region of Nepal (FWRN) (now referred to as Province 7), and (ii) identify strategic actions to guide the region's urban development and build capacity for operations and maintenance. Phase 1 includes: (i) development of a strategic regional and urban assessment, and Bhimdatta-Jhalari-Pipaladi-Attariya- Dhangadhi urban corridor development strategy; (ii) development of a strategic infrastructure investment plan; (iii) development of the project scope; (iv) rapid assessments for safeguards compliance; (v) socio-economic analysis; (vi) institutional and financial capacity assessments; (vii) designing the implementation arrangements; (viii) defining the scope of work for the loan consultants; and (ix) assisting the executing agency in recruiting the loan consultants. Phase 2 includes supporting the executing agency in preparing the loan documents. The PPTA has also been used to prepare second phase of investments in the municipalities of Biratnagar, Birgunj, Nepalgunj and Siddharthanagar, where ongoing ADB financed urban projects are near completion.

Component B will be used to prepare an investment program based on economic and urban cluster or corridor approach to promote economic growth and sustainable urban development in Nepal. Specific activities will include spatial planning, strategy development and analytical work, preparation of a multi-sector investment plan and policy framework and development of effective coordination, implementation and management arrangements.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

The proposed projects are aligned with Nepal's Fourteenth Plan and with the National Urban Policy 2007, which aim for a balanced national urban system by developing centers of growth that provide an alternative to the Kathmandu Valley. The proposed investments are also fully aligned with the ADB's Nepal Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) (2013-2017), which focuses on core sectors of urban infrastructure, energy, and transport.

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

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	<p>Component A: The proposed project was designed to improve services for all segments of the population with direct benefits for about 300,000 people living in Attariya, Bhimdatta, Jhalari-Pipaladi and Dhangadhi. The project also indirectly benefitted the 600,000 people in the Kanchanpur and Kailali Districts. There is a dearth of detailed poverty data for the region, particularly at the city-level. A household socio-economic survey has been undertaken to fill the gap in city-level poverty data and other socioeconomic information, including the prevalence of slums/urban poor settlements. A business survey was also undertaken to understand private sector investment priorities. The project has a performance-based grant component for small community infrastructure and awareness campaigns. The municipalities worked closely with low-income communities to design and prioritize the grant component. Four additional municipalities (Birgunj, Biratnagar, Siddharthanagar, and Nepalgunj) are included in the ensuing project with high degree of readiness. Current loan consultants were used to prepare designs and safeguards documents for these non-FWR municipalities, and undertake consultations.</p> <p>Component B: This is a multi-sector project and consultations with many different agencies at the center and local level were undertaken. In addition, consultations with private sector were conducted.</p>
During Project Implementation	<p>The projects have management committees with representatives from industry, academia, civil society, politics and other interest groups to ensure broad support for the project, and to help improve accountability. Safeguards frameworks and GESI Action Plan also guided the consultation requirements.</p>

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	<p>Component A: Seven individuals comprising 4 international consultants and 3 national consultants (providing 24.5 person-months of input) were engaged by ADB to undertake the TA activities in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).</p> <p>Component B: Individual consultants (providing 21 international and 62 national person-months of input) will be engaged by ADB to undertake the supplementary TA activities in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).</p>
Procurement	<p>All procurement under the project shall be carried out using ADB's Procurement and Consulting Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time). Advance contracting and retroactive financing will be considered for project implementation and the requirement of various procurement and consulting packages shall be carefully reviewed by ADB during processing. Procurement packaging shall be carried out keeping in mind the scope, nature, market conditions, location of the project, and with due consideration to the economy and efficiency of the bidding processes.</p>
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Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Div, SARD
Executing Agencies	<i>Ministry of Urban Development Singhadurbar, Kathmandu, Nepal</i>

Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	16 Dec 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	07 Sep 2018

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
16 Dec 2014	12 Jan 2015	12 Jan 2015	31 Mar 2017	30 Jun 2019	02 Sep 2019

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart		Project Sponsor	Others	Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries					
1,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500,000.00	17 Jun 2022	1,433,612.31

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