



Project Data Sheet

Project 41676-012

Project Name	Capacity Building for Integrated Ecosystem Management in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region	
Project Number	41676-012	
Country / Economy	China, People's Republic of	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 7021-PRC: Capacity Building for Integrated Ecosystem Management in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 600,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Water-based natural resources management	
Gender	No gender elements	
Description	The TA will improve capacity of stakeholders concerned to implement the NIEADP by mainstreaming an integrated ecosystem management (IEM) approach to achieve sound environmental benefits and sustainable rural livelihoods in NIEADP area. The TA will also assist governments in identifying and replicating successful modules and approaches to similar regions within the PRC.	

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>ADB is preparing the Project jointly with the government of the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region (NHAR), which will aim to improve environmental management for ecosystem rehabilitation, in support of sustainable rural incomes in the project area. Project interventions will introduce an IEM approach to provide sustainable livelihoods for the population in the targeted area. Components under the Project include: (i) building IEM and project management capacity, (ii) land and water resource management, (iii) improving rural livelihoods, and (iv) biodiversity and ecosystem conservation. The Ningxia Finance Department (NFD) will be the executing agency (EA) on behalf of the NHAR government. The Ningxia project management office (NPMO) will cover day-to-day administrative tasks. A lead group has been established and will oversee and coordinate government agencies responsible for institutional and sector priorities. The Project will be implemented by four implementing agencies (IAs) and will include state-owned enterprises and state-sponsored public sector bureaus as project implementation units to carry out the subprojects.</p> <p>As ADB's first demonstrative investment project under the PRC Global Environment Fund (GEF) Partnership on Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems, the Project aims to develop models that are ecologically sound, economically viable, and can be replicated in other degraded ecosystems using IEM approaches. The Project is also the first ever large-scale investment to demonstrate IEM practices in the PRC. If successful, it will have a significant impact with respect to the removal of institutional and technical barriers to the management of natural resources and ecosystems, and showcase sustainable means of balancing economic development and environmental conservation. The Project will also contribute to new policies for rural regeneration under the Government's 11th Five-Year Plan for Social and Economic Development (2006-2010). However, the use of IEM principles and approaches is new in the PRC and successful implementation of the Project is a big challenge for institutions that were not designed for integrated approaches. These weaknesses are compounded by the limited capacity of the EA and IAs. Consequently, there is a need to build the implementation capacity of the EA and IAs, and to strengthen institutional capacity to achieve effective coordination between sectors.</p>
Impact	Improved institutional enabling environment to manage ecosystems through integrated approaches in the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Strengthened capacity of EA and IAs to implement, manage, monitor, and operate the Ningxia Integrated Ecosystem and agricultural Development Project (the Project).
Progress Toward Outcome	Achieved.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<p>An effective coordination mechanism established in the existing lead group for the loan project by clearly defining the responsibilities of the line agencies involved.</p> <p>Training programs and training materials developed, and training workshops conducted in project design, planning, implementation, and management involving IEM principles and practices.</p> <p>Expertise, human resources, and knowledge products developed for managing and operating the loan project in the EA and IAs.</p> <p>An M&E system developed to support sustainable project management by EAs and IAs.</p>
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>The responsibilities of each line agency was clearly defined for implementing the loan project and coordination among agencies is effective and efficient.</p> <p>The PMO formulated five IEM project management measures covering procurement, disbursement, and monitoring. Project management training activities are being undertaken effectively.</p> <p>Two seminars were conducted by ADB on the ADB's policies and guidelines for procurement, disbursement, financial management, environment, and resettlement.</p> <p>The capacity building component is being conducted.</p> <p>The main objective of the expert pool is to provide continuous technical support and advices for PMO and PIAs throughout the whole project period. The TA will provide financing support to cover the expertise remuneration and administration expenses as necessary. The PMO agreed to prepare a list of experts for ADB review and endorsement be end of October 2011.</p> <p>Internal and external trainings are being conducted.</p> <p>Three studies are being carried out. Final reports were submitted in February 2012.</p> <p>The draft framework was established and the basic data was collected.</p> <p>The international workshop on integrated wetland management was organized in April 2012 and a publication on the proceedings of the workshop is published.</p> <p>Two books were published in 2012. One for Water Ecosystem Rehabilitation and Integrated Management of Yinchuan Lake Wetlands, and another for Wetland Birds in Sand Lake of Ningxia.</p> <p>10 individual consultants were recruited under this Project and contribute to the efficient and effective implementation of the Project.</p> <p>The final TA review mission was conducted on 23-27 April 2012.</p> <p>The Project is completed on 30 May 2012.</p>

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	<p>The project design process was linked and extended the ongoing OP12 PRC GEF Capacity Building to Combat Land Degradation Project and its development of a Ningxia Land Degradation Strategy and Action Plan using local experts working in a multistakeholder, and multisector planning procedure. For the design of the Project, consultation has taken place with stakeholders, beneficiaries, and directly affected people, and will continue during implementation. A participatory and consultative methodology was adopted to undertake the social analysis and rural livelihood survey during the project preparatory technical assistance. It involved (i) a formal questionnaire survey with 270 households; (ii) discussions with project stakeholders; (iii) a series of stakeholder workshops with the four subborrowers; and (iv) interviews with key informants in rural communities, key Government staff and nongovernment organizations, ethnic minorities, and women. Detailed discussions were maintained using both sector and cross-sector working groups that included the provincial project management office (PPMO) and its expert groups, project implementing agencies and associated state-owned enterprises, design institutes, academics, and safeguard agencies including environment and poverty reduction officials under the leadership of the PPMO. The working groups' findings were collectively discussed and reviewed through a series of stakeholder workshops.</p>
During Project Implementation	Consultations have been carried out at various levels.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	Consulting services for 45 person months will be engaged under the TA, which include 5 person months for international consultants, and 40 person months for domestic consultants.
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Responsible ADB Division	PRC Resident Mission
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	20 Nov 2007
Fact Finding	10 Oct 2007 to 12 Oct 2007
MRM	-
Approval	12 Dec 2007
Last Review Mission	-
PDS Creation Date	17 Jul 2008
Last PDS Update	21 Sep 2012

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
12 Dec 2007	31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2008	31 May 2011	30 May 2012	15 Nov 2012

Financing Plan/TA Utilization

							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart		Project Sponsor	Others	Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries					
600,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750,000.00	17 Jun 2022	515,543.04

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