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Project Data Sheet

Project 34187-013

Project Name Third Education Development Project
Project Number 34187-013
Country / Economy Mongolia
Project Status Closed
Project Type /
Modality of
Assistance Loan
Technical Assistance

Loan 2238-MON: Third Education Development Project

Source of Funding / Amount Asian Development Fund US\$ 13.00 million
TA 4803-MON: Technical Assistance for Development of a Sector Wide Approach (SWAp) in Education

Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 150,000.00

Strategic Agendas Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change Gender Equity and Mainstreaming
Governance and capacity development
Knowledge solutions

Sector / Subsector **Education** / Education sector development - Pre-primary and primary - Secondary - Technical and vocational education and training

Gender Some gender elements

Description The Project will improve employability and income earning opportunities of graduates from secondary and vocational education. The outcome of the Project is equitable access to and improved quality and relevance of primary, secondary and vocational education. The Project has three components (i) improving quality and relevance of education in primary and secondary schools; (ii) improving teaching and learning environments in primary and secondary schools; and (iii) promoting demand-driven vocational education for youth.

Project Rationale
and Linkage to
Country/Regional
Strategy

Key issues in the current Mongolian education system are (i) poor quality and relevance of the current curriculum for primary and secondary education, (ii) inadequate teaching qualifications and skills, (iii) lack of consistent education standards, (iv) weak learning teaching environments in schools and (v) supply-driven irrelevant vocational education for the youth. The Government has decided to extend the education system from the current 10-year system to a 12-year system in 2008, which will align Mongolia's education system with international standards. ADB will assist the Government in the implementation of this policy, which will require comprehensive reform of the curriculum framework, establishing new education standards, streamlining the current teacher in-service training system, and developing a national teacher accreditation system. The limited capacity and poor condition of school facilities which continue to deteriorate are major constraints to increasing the enrolment and retention, and improving the quality of education services. This has been particularly acute in rural areas where budget funds for preventive maintenance and technical resources for rehabilitation are scarce. Building construction and technology are inefficient in terms of use of materials, structural capacity, and energy performance. MECS is the sole public sector provider of vocational and technical education (VTE) for the youth. Currently, vocational education programs are based on the former Soviet system, which is neither responsive to labor market demands nor cost-effective. Graduates have difficulty finding jobs because they lack employable skills. School facilities have deteriorated, adequate training equipment is lacking or outdated, and the pedagogical and technical skills and knowledge of many teachers are outdated. With the introduction of the 12-year school system, the VTE system will need to be adjusted to the new national curriculum framework. ADB's assistance to the education sector in Mongolia has evolved since the early 1990s to support the Government in strengthening the education system step-by-step. The first Education Sector Development Project (ESDP) was approved in 1996 and included a program loan to support fundamental policy reforms in the organization, management, staffing and financing of the education sector; and a project loan to support initial investments. The Second Education Development Project (SEDP) was approved in 2002 and builds on the initial reform framework established by ESDP, with a focus on school and kindergarten rehabilitation, provision of learning materials, and limited support in curriculum development and teacher training. The Third Education Development Project (TEDP) focuses on two major features which have not been addressed by previous interventions: (i) a comprehensive curriculum reform, in support of the Government's decision to extend the schooling period by 2 years; and (ii) reforming the current VTE system, which is a development priority of the Government to enhance employment and income-earning opportunities and promote economic growth. The Project contributes to two Millennium Development Goals: (i) achieving universal primary education, and (ii) eliminating gender disparity in primary and secondary education

Impact

Employability and income-earning opportunities of graduates from secondary and vocational schools improved

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Enhanced equitable access to and improved quality and relevance of primary, secondary and vocational education
Progress Toward Outcome	To be assessed at completion. All outputs are achieved (see below)

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	National curriculum framework and aligned education standards developed Teaching and learning environment in primary and secondary schools are enhanced Demand-driven VTE system is in place
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Achieved. Achieved. Achieved. Achieved. Achieved. Achieved. Achieved in 2009 Achieved in 2009 Achieved in 2009 Achieved in 2009 Achieved in 2009 Achieved.

Geographical Location

Safeguard Categories

Environment	C
Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	Some school rehabilitation works (minor) include improved water supply and sanitation and sewage systems, which will promote good health and have a positive environmental impact. Activities related to civil works are in compliance with ADB's safeguard requirements.
Involuntary Resettlement	The Project will carry out minor rehabilitation and repairs of existing school buildings and facilities with no land acquisition required, and no negative environmental or resettlement impact.
Indigenous Peoples	There are no issues of ethnic minority language of instruction in Mongolia, therefore the Policy on Indigenous Peoples is not applicable.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project
Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services A total of 9 person-months (pm) of international and 334 pm of domestic consulting services will be contracted to be financed by ADB funds. This will include experts in the field of (i) curriculum and standards development; (ii) teacher training; (iii) civil engineers specialized in school rehabilitation; (iv) technical and vocational education and training policy development; and (v) National Vocational Qualification development. The consultants will be recruited as firm or individuals under QCBS or QBS methods in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB in engaging domestic consultants.

Procurement All ADB-financed civil works, goods and services will be procured in accordance with ADB's Guidelines for Procurement. Civil works will involve rehabilitation of existing school and dormitory facilities, but no construction of new facilities. Civil works contracts will be less than \$1 million. Domestic contractors are capable of carrying out all rehabilitation works, hence civil work contracts estimated to cost \$1 million or less will be procured through local competitive bidding procedures acceptable to ADB. ICT, laboratory and vocational training equipment as well as teaching aids, and classroom furniture, learning materials, and manuals will be provided under the Project. Equipment and goods estimated to cost more than \$500,000 will be procured under the international competitive bidding procedure. Equipment and goods estimated at \$500,000 or less will be procured under local competitive bidding procedures acceptable to ADB except for equipment and goods valued at \$100,000 or less which will be procured by direct purchase.

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Executing Agencies *Ministry of Education and Science*

Timetable

Concept Clearance	17 Aug 2004
Fact Finding	27 Jul 2005 to 12 Aug 2005
MRM	-
Approval	21 Jun 2006
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	14 Dec 2011

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing	
			Original	Revised Actual

21 Jun 2006 18 Dec 2006 27 Feb 2007 31 Mar 2012 - 26 Jun 2012

Financing Plan

Loan Utilization

Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	16.38	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	13.00	05 Feb 2024	13.39	0.00	100%
Counterpart	3.38	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	05 Feb 2024	13.39	0.00	100%

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart		Project Sponsor	Others	Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries					
150,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	-	0.00

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