



# Regional: Selected Evaluation Studies and Outreach for 2017–2019 (Cluster TA)

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| Project Name  | Selected Evaluation Studies and Outreach for 2017–2019 (Cluster TA)  |  |  |
| Project Number  | 50092-001  |  |  |
| Country / Economy   | Regional<br>Armenia<br>Azerbaijan<br>Bhutan<br>Cambodia<br>Fiji<br>Georgia<br>Kyrgyz Republic<br>Nepal<br>Thailand<br>Turkmenistan<br>Uzbekistan   |  |  |
| Project Status  | Active   |  |  |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance                               | Technical Assistance   |  |  |
| Source of Funding / Amount  | <div>TA 0021-REG: Selected Evaluation Studies and Outreach for 2017"2019 (Cluster TA)</div> <div>Technical Assistance Special FundUS\$ 7.50 million</div>  |  |  |
| Strategic Agendas   | Environmentally sustainable growth<br>Inclusive economic growth<br>Regional integration  |  |  |
| Drivers of Change   | Gender Equity and Mainstreaming<br>Governance and capacity development<br>Knowledge solutions<br>Partnerships<br>Private sector development  |  |  |
| Sector / Subsector  | Multisector / ADB's corporate management, policy and strategy development  |  |  |
| Gender  | Some gender elements   |  |  |
| Description   | <p>The proposed cluster regional research and development TA consists of 3 subprojects which will support the preparation of IED's high- and middle-level evaluation studies and outreach activities from 2016 to 2019. These will be drawn from IED's Board-approved 3-year rolling work programs. The first subproject will support activities in 2016 and 2017: (i) thematic and/or corporate evaluations on policy-based lending, gender, sustainable energy, private sector operations and impact evaluation on water resource management; (ii) topical papers on livable cities; (iii) country assistance program evaluation (CAPE) on Georgia, and validations of country partnership strategy (CPS) final reviews for Kyrgyz Republic, Nepal, Thailand, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan; (iv) key learning events; (v) dissemination of evaluation knowledge products; and (v) enhancement of the evaluation information system.</p> <p>The second and third subprojects will be structured along the same lines but will depend on both current 3-year work program and the 2017-2019 cycle. The second subproject will tentatively support these evaluations: environmentally sustainable growth; rural development; ADF 12 operations; risk management; CAPE (to be determined); and validations of CPS final reviews for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Cambodia, and Fiji. Indicatively, the third subproject will support studies for completion by 2019, which, based on work program discussions at the DEC, could include topics on urban operations, water operations, public/private partnerships, health operations, education operations, agriculture, and food security operations, finance sector, climate adaptation, integrated disaster risk management, private equity operations, inclusive business, safeguard policy statement review, and multitranche financing facility.</p> |  |  |
| Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy          | Independent Evaluation at ADB seeks to raise the development impacts of ADB operations. The proposed TA will fully and/or partly fund select high and middle-level evaluations and outreach activities articulated in the 2016-2018 work program of IED and in subsequent Board-approved rolling work programs. The 2016-2018 work program was endorsed by the ADB's Development Effectiveness Committee and later approved on no objection basis by the Board with effect on 9 December 2015. Evaluation studies and outreach activities to be funded by the TA are intended to help improve ADB policies, strategies, business process, and operations, subsequently benefiting developing member countries. Evaluation products and activities under the TA are not generally captured in any country partnership strategy or country operations business plan/regional cooperation operations business plan.   |  |  |
| Impact  | Development effectiveness of ADB operations, policies, strategies, and business processes improved   |  |  |
| Project Outcome   |  |  |  |
| Description of Outcome  | Use of evaluation studies by the ADB Board of Directors and its DEC, ADB Management and operations staff, and, country agencies and stakeholder increased  |  |  |
| Progress Toward Outcome   |  |  |  |
| Implementation Progress   |  |  |  |
| Description of Project Outputs                                      | Evaluation studies, knowledge briefs, and other evaluation products completed<br>Knowledge-sharing and learning events satisfactorily conducted<br>Evaluation outreach products and services and derivative products from learning events disseminated<br>Information system for managing and disseminating evaluation knowledge improved  |  |  |
| Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues) |  |  |  |
| Geographical Location   | Armenia - Nation-wide; Azerbaijan - Nation-wide; Bhutan - Nation-wide; Cambodia - Nation-wide; Fiji - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Nepal - Nation-wide; Thailand - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide   |  |  |

| Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects                |  |
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| Environmental Aspects                                      |  |
| Involuntary Resettlement                                   |  |
| Indigenous Peoples   |  |
| Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation |  |
| During Project Design                                      | During the formulation of studies and activities, concerned evaluation teams will hold consultations with various institutions in government and civil society, including nongovernment organizations, on their topic. These consultations may be determined or firmed up at the concept and/or evaluation approach paper stage.   |
| During Project Implementation                              | During the implementation of studies and activities, concerned evaluation teams will hold consultations with various institutions in government and civil society, including nongovernment organizations, on their topic. These consultations may be determined or firmed up at the concept and/or evaluation approach paper stage. Where appropriate, and mandatory in the case of CAPEs, draft reports will be sent to government and other stakeholders for feedback  |
| Business Opportunities                                     |  |
| Consulting Services  | The TA will fund a mix of international and national consultants to support each evaluation team. Consulting service requirements (including positions, terms of reference, deliverables, cost estimates) are indicative at this time. These are to be developed and/or firmed up during preparation of the concept or evaluation approach paper. Lump-sum payments or output-based contracts will be used as appropriate. The need for services from consulting firms (along with applicable selection method and type of technical proposal to be used) will also be considered during the concept and/or evaluation approach paper stage. |
| Procurement  | The TA will also fund workshops, training, seminars and conferences held either for preparing a draft report or to support learning and dissemination events. Cost estimates for these events will be prepared during their concept paper stage.   |

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| Responsible ADB Department | Independent Evaluation Department   |
| Responsible ADB Division   | Office of the Director General, IED |
| Executing Agencies         | Asian Development Bank              |

| Timetable           |             |
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| Concept Clearance   | 17 May 2016 |
| Fact Finding        | -           |
| MRM                 | -           |
| Approval            | 27 Jul 2016 |
| Last Review Mission | -           |
| Last PDS Update     | 12 Jun 2019 |

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| Financing Plan/TA Utilization |             |             |               |                 |        |              | Cumulative Disbursements |        |
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| ADB                           | Cofinancing | Counterpart |               |                 |        | Total        | Date                     | Amount |
|                               |             | Gov         | Beneficiaries | Project Sponsor | Others |              |                          |        |
| 7,500,000.00                  | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00          | 0.00            | 0.00   | 7,500,000.00 | -                        | 0.00   |

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