



Regional: Selected Evaluation Studies and Outreach 2017-2019 (Subproject 1)- Selected Evaluation Studies and Outreach for 2017-2018

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| Project Name | Selected Evaluation Studies and Outreach 2017-2019 (Subproject 1)- Selected Evaluation Studies and Outreach for 2017-2018 | | |
| Project Number | 50092-002 | | |
| Country / Economy | Regional Bhutan Fiji Georgia Kyrgyz Republic Thailand Turkmenistan | | |
| Project Status | Closed | | |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance | Technical Assistance | | |
| Source of Funding / Amount | <div>TA 9172-REG: Selected Evaluation Studies and Outreach for 2017 2019 - Selected Evaluation Studies and Outreach for 2017-2018 (Subproject 1)</div> <div>Technical Assistance Special FundUS\$ 2.50 million</div> | | |
| Strategic Agendas | Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration | | |
| Drivers of Change | Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development | | |
| Sector / Subsector | Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Rural water supply services Energy / Energy sector development and institutional reform Finance / Finance sector development - Small and medium enterprise finance and leasing Industry and trade / Small and medium enterprise development Public sector management / Economic affairs management - Public administration - Public expenditure and fiscal management - Reforms of state owned enterprises Transport / Road transport (non-urban) Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Urban policy, institutional and capacity development | | |
| Gender | Some gender elements | | |
| Description | The proposed subproject is the first of three under the cluster regional research and development technical assistance (TA) approved on a no-objection basis by the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 27 July 2016. High- and mid-level evaluations and outreach activities for funding under the Subproject seeks to improve ADB strategies, policies, processes, and operations subsequently benefiting its developing member countries (DMCs) in Asia and the Pacific. Subproject 1 will draw from the Board approved 2016- 2018 work program of the Independent Evaluation Department (IED) and, where appropriate, its next rolling program for approval in December 2016. | | |
| Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy | High- and mid-level evaluations complement project evaluations and give a view to assessing the operations and directions of the ADB. IED's knowledge and country programs give feedback on the development results and/or effectiveness of ADB. This advice is needed for accountability to stakeholders (including Management and Board of Directors) and to strengthen ADB as a learning organization. To keep its strategic relevance and operational utility, IED's evaluation focus is continuously refined to align with the development landscape and to recent or upcoming changes in ADB. With the merger of the Asian Development Fund (ADF) and ordinary capital resources (OCR) in 2017, it will be critical to have an evaluative perspective of the experience in ADB's various business like energy, urban and private sector operations. Likewise, evaluations on possible areas of expansion like support to micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises and engagement with State-owned enterprises will provide insights on new business opportunities for ADB. Further, with the enhanced financial capacity, a review of the financing modalities, like policy-based lending, needs to be undertaken. The selection and design of evaluations should also take into account recent global developments like the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2015 Paris Climate Conference (or COP21). Further, evaluations should consider how ADB will engage with middle income countries (MICs) as most of its development member countries will be MICs in the near future. High-level thematic and sector evaluation work will need to build on evaluations of country and project performance. As such, country-level evaluations like Country Assistance Performance Evaluations (CAPEs) and validations of Country Partnership Strategy Final Reviews (CPSFRVs) are as important as knowledge-type evaluations. In the same token, impact evaluation on projects in priority areas enhances lessons for development effectiveness. Taking together the various levels of evaluation work, findings and lessons learned can be inputs to strategies as well as design and implementation of new operations. | | |
| Impact | Development effectiveness of ADB operations, policies, strategies, and business processes improved. | | |
| Project Outcome | | | |
| Description of Outcome | Use of evaluation by the ADB Board of Directors and its DEC, ADB Management and operations staff, and country agencies and stakeholders increased | | |
| Progress Toward Outcome | | | |
| Implementation Progress | | | |
| Description of Project Outputs | Evaluation studies, knowledge briefs, and other evaluation products completed Knowledge-sharing and learning events satisfactorily conducted Evaluation outreach products and services and derivative products from learning events disseminated Information system for managing and disseminating evaluation knowledge improved | | |

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

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| Geographical Location | Bhutan - Nation-wide; Fiji - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Thailand - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide |
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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

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| 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 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City 1550, Philippines |

Timetable

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| Concept Clearance | - |
| Fact Finding | - |
| MRM | - |
| Approval | 15 Sep 2016 |
| Last Review Mission | - |
| Last PDS Update | 24 Aug 2016 |

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| Milestones | | | | | |
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| Approval | Signing Date | Effectivity Date | Closing | | |
| | | | Original | Revised | Actual |
| 15 Sep 2016 | - | 15 Sep 2016 | 28 Feb 2019 | 30 Jun 2021 | 19 Apr 2022 |

| Financing Plan/TA Utilization | | | | | | | Cumulative Disbursements | |
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| ADB | Cofinancing | Counterpart | | | | Total | Date | Amount |
| | | Gov | Beneficiaries | Project Sponsor | Others | | | |
| 2,500,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,500,000.00 | 17 Jun 2022 | 2,239,953.93 |

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| Project Page | https://www.adb.org/projects/50092-002/main |
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