



# Georgia: Livable Urban Areas: Integrated Urban Plans for Balanced Regional Development

Project Name	Livable Urban Areas: Integrated Urban Plans for Balanced Regional Development		
Project Number	49367-001		
Country / Economy	Georgia		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9220-GEO: Livable Urban Areas: Integrated Urban Plans for Balanced Regional Development		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships		
Sector / Subsector	Transport / Urban public transport Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Other urban services - Urban flood protection - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development - Urban sanitation - Urban sewerage - Urban solid waste management - Urban water supply		
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Description	The TA will provide assistance to Georgia to mainstream an integrated urban planning and development process through a participatory manner to masterplan and prioritize urban investments that promote the development of inclusive, environmentally responsible, and economically competitive urban centers and economic corridors, aligned with ADB's Urban Operational Plan 2012-2020. The TA will build on concepts and findings from previous and ongoing ADB loan and TA projects including contextualized application of existing models of city development plans. The TA is targeted towards integrated urban development and policy formulation, including preparation of integrated urban plans, institutional capacity assessments, financial sustainability assessments, and link to follow-on multisector investments. The TA will finance the development and/or updating of integrated urban plans in selected cities, a cluster of towns, or an economic corridor in a region for thematic priorities such as tourism development, agribusiness and local economic development, as the basis for identifying short term wins and long term sustainable outcomes through priority urban sector investment plans that will lead into the proposed SCDIP and other standalone investment loans as maybe identified in the Country Operations Business Plan.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	ADB Georgia National Urban Assessment 2016 identified the key challenges and opportunities for realizing the urban potential in Georgia. These were identified through stakeholder consultations, visioning and SWOT analysis. The key challenges include: (i) Unplanned Urbanization, (ii) Urban infrastructure and Services, and (iii) Urban Governance and Financial Sustainability. Developing livable cities with improved quality of life will realize the urban potential for sustainable development in Georgia to develop economically competitive, inclusive and resilient urban clusters as identified in the ADB Georgia National Urban Assessment 2016. This requires integrated urban planning and policy formulation support to the Government to prepare development plans, policy recommendations and a 10-15 year investment program to address sector issues such as sustainability of urban projects including institutional, operations and maintenance and financial, to implement long-term sustainable development goals for the urban areas. ADB will build on existing multitranche financing facility (MFF) operations in urban transport and water supply and sanitation to promote livable cities that are competitive, socially inclusive, and environmentally sound. ADB will foster inclusive economic growth and environmental sustainability by helping to improve internal and regional market connectivity and develop sustainable municipal plans to make essential drinking water, sewerage and sanitation services more accessible, reliable and energy-efficient, and will encourage sustainable urban transport including low-carbon mobility and mass transport systems, particularly in cities, secondary towns, and urban clusters, which are the potential hubs for agribusiness and tourism.		
Impact	Inclusive economic growth and improved livability in the selected urban areas in Georgia Cities and human settlements made inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable		

Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	Enhanced capacity for integrated urban planning and management for livable urban areas in Georgia
Progress Toward Outcome	Capacity needs assessment undertaken and plan under preparation. Workshops held to enhance understanding of integrated urban planning and management for livable urban areas
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	Integrated Urban Plans (IUPs) for selected cities, secondary towns, or urban areas prepared Urban management partnerships to improve core planning and management competency identified Institutional and financial sustainability mechanisms for the sustained provision of urban infrastructure improved
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Draft IUPs under preparation. Urban Management Partnerships are being identified. Institutional and financial sustainability mechanisms are under review.
Geographical Location	Nation-wide, Georgia

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects
Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	Consultations were held during missions for ongoing projects between December 2015 and March 2016 in coordination with Georgia Resident Mission, MRDI, MDF, and UWSCG to discuss programming and pipeline (urban services, including urban transport) with initial discussions for the PATA for Livable Cities (previously Preparing City/Regional Development Plans for Selected Cities in Georgia) in the COBP. The TA has been discussed and agreed upon with the government. Stakeholder consultations, visioning and SWOT analysis were conducted as part of the ADB Georgia National Urban Assessment 2016 leading to the design of this TA. The consultations included government officials and agencies, nongovernment organizations, civil society organizations, and donor partners.
During Project Implementation	The main focus of consultations was for stakeholder assimilation to the process, SWOT, and visioning; however, as the consultations progressed, more of a focus on future needs was introduced, including preliminary project identification by stakeholders. Workshops and Focus Group discussions were held with 172 stakeholders in the 3 identified clusters - i) Samegrelo Zemo Svaneti region with Zugdidi as focus, ii) Samegrelo Zemo Svaneti region with Latali Mestia Ushguli area, iii) Tbilisi and Kakheti region, with Telavi as cluster center, to identify issues and opportunities for further investigation as part of a rapid urban needs assessment. The consultation also included visioning exercises and early identification of potential projects, initiatives and opportunities for development in the next phase. The majority of the Phase 2 consulting resources (time) was focused on this stakeholder consultation and needs assessment, including development of a stakeholder engagement strategy. The team also initiated data collection to allow further downstream analysis as well as urban/cluster profiling and baselining. Phase 3 included consultations with Tbilisi city hall on selection of area for integrated urban action plan. The proposed Stakeholder Communication Strategy (SCS) was prepared on the basis of SWOT/Visioning analysis workshops and a series of stakeholder/focus group meetings carried out by the Consultant team in October-November 2017 during Phase 2 of the present assignment, i.e. at the early stage of identification of areas for investments. The SCS should be seen in the context of the overall project objective which is to develop and implement an appropriate strategic urban development plan with associated short term investment projects for development of livable urban areas in specific clusters. The related communications objective is to create an informed and supportive stakeholder community for this planning model in Georgia. Further consultations conducted during workshops in May-June 2018. Project prioritisation ongoing in September-October 2018.

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	The firm's consulting inputs include international (25 person-months) and national specialists (40 person-months) to carry out the TA activities. As this is a performance TOR, the proposing entities determined the number and nature of the experts including total person-months that they require to achieve the contract objectives in accordance with their proposed approach and methodology. ADB needs at least four key international experts, one of whom will act as team leader; these include (i) an urban and regional planner, (ii) an urban economist, (iii) an environmental engineer and climate change specialist, and (iv) a social development and gender specialist. Additionally, a senior urban policy specialist (international independent, 5 person-months) on urban finance and governance will recommend infrastructure financing mechanisms. An urban development researcher (international independent, 8 person-months) was recruited to coordinate the TA outputs and coordinate with key divisions within ADB and other agencies to achieve cross-sector synergies. International experts (5 person-months) will be engaged through the Centers of Excellence to conduct activities for peer-to-peer learning under the UMP. These individual consultants will be recruited using individual consultants selection. A suitable nongovernment organization, noncommercial entity, or consulting firm will be engaged using consultants' qualifications selection, based on highly specialized expertise and previous project experience, to develop the inclusive urban area guidelines in collaboration with the consulting team. The CSRN for the consulting firm assignment was published on 15 March 2017 and closed on 3 April 2017. The consultants were mobilized on 21 August 2017.
Procurement	ADB engaged an international consulting firm using performance-based, quality- and cost-based selection (QCBS), with 90:10 weightage for technical and financial expertise. The performance-based terms of reference and quality- and cost-based selection method were appropriate for this complex and highly specialized assignment, as this enables consultants to submit innovative proposals for preparing the IUPs considering the latest tools and methodologies. This selection method was proposed due to the importance of specific technical skills required to deliver the task, including the complex integration of urban planning, environmental management, climate resilience, financial sustainability, and institutional capacity development. A suitable nongovernment organization, non-commercial entity or consulting firm will be engaged to develop the Inclusive Cities Guidelines in collaboration with the consulting team. The procurement for this task based on highly specialized expertise and previous experience in undertaking universal design and inclusive city projects is ongoing. Consultants will be selected in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in accordance with the Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	12 Sep 2016
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	04 Nov 2016
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	27 Sep 2018

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Milestones							
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing			Total	Amount
			Original	Revised	Actual		
04 Nov 2016	08 Dec 2016	08 Dec 2016	31 Dec 2018	30 Jun 2020	24 Aug 2020		

  

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others		
1,000,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17 Jun 2022	955,425.92

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