Regional: Demonstrating Future Thinking and Foresight in Developing Member Countries

Project Name: Demonstrating Future Thinking and Foresight in Developing Member Countries

Project Number: 52299-001

Country / Economy: Regional Armenia Mongolia Timor-Leste

Project Status: Active

Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Technical Assistance

Source of Funding / Amount:
- TA 9619-REG: Demonstrating Future Thinking and Foresight in Developing Member Countries (Supplementary) Technical Assistance Special Fund US$ 80,000.00
- TA 9619-REG: Demonstrating Future Thinking and Foresight in Developing Member Countries Technical Assistance Special Fund US$ 225,000.00
- ADB Co-financed Assistance Fund US$ 400,000.00
- TA 9619-REG: Demonstrating Future Thinking and Foresight in Developing Member Countries Republic of Korea US$ 1.80 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
- Private sector development

Sector / Subsector:
- Education / Education sector development - social protection initiatives
- Health / Health sector development and reform
- Public sector management / Social protection initiatives

Gender: Some gender elements

Description: The proposed KSTA will pilot the use of foresight and futures strategic thinking to enhance development planning in selected DMCs and inform ADB’s country partnership strategies with these countries. This enables the creation of more robust policy solutions, which integrate the perspectives of different stakeholders. Techniques are used to help transform the understanding of the future by reframing the problem or issue through deeper causative levels, and by constructing the issues through diverse worldviews and stakeholders. Scenario planning is used to move from the ‘one future or planning for ‘the future to the acceptance of other possible and preferred futures.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy: The proposed KSTA aligns with ADB’s Strategy for 2030 in terms of strengthening a country-focused approach, promoting knowledge management for applying innovative approaches in ADB operations. Foresight and futures strategic thinking presents an innovative way to develop long-term development plans together with DMCs that guide ADB’s country partnership strategy (CPS) with these countries. Under Strategy 2030, ADB will use the CPS cycle as the main platform to define customized support, promote the use of innovative technologies, inform the knowledge management plan and deliver integrated solutions by combining expertise across a range of sectors and themes and through a mix of public and private sector operations.

Impact: Environment for better-informed planning and policy decision-making in DMCs improved.

Implementation Progress:
- Professional development on future thinking and foresight to development planners provided
- Needs assessment to identify innovations to strengthen development planning improved
- Future thinking and foresight as a development planning tool for DMCs documented

Geographical Location: Armenia - Nation-wide; Mongolia - Nation-wide; Timor-Leste - Nation-wide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects:

- Environmental Aspects
- Involuntary Resettlement
- Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation:

During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Consulting Services

The TA will engage an estimated 1.8 person-months each for three (3) international consultants who will provide training on future thinking and foresight, and 1.8 person-months for one national consultant to provide assistance in the conduct of these training programs. TA consultants will be engaged by ADB as individuals in accordance with ADB’s Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. The terms of reference for consultants are in Attachment 4. Output-based contracts will be considered, as appropriate. Travel-related expenses for ADB staff can be paid through the TA if they are used as sector, thematic, or technical experts as well as resource persons.

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Timetable

| Concept Clearance | - |
| Fact Finding | 20 Sep 2018 to 20 Sep 2018 |
| MRM | - |
| Approval | 19 Oct 2018 |
| Last Review Mission | - |
| Last PDS Update | 22 Oct 2018 |

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| Milestones | Approval | Signing Date | Effectivity Date | Closing |
| Original | Revised | Actual |
| 19 Oct 2018 | - | 19 Oct 2018 | 30 Oct 2019 | 31 Dec 2023 | - |

| ADB | Cofinancing | Counterpart |
| Total | Date | Amount |
| Gov | Beneficiaries | Project Sponsor | Others |
| 305,000.00 | 2,202,100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,507,100.00 | 30 Jun 2023 | 1,885,890.90 |

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