



Bangladesh: Supporting Technical Education and Skills Development Facility

Project Name	Supporting Technical Education and Skills Development Facility		
Project Number	42466-018		
Country / Economy	Bangladesh		
Project Status	Active		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9966-BAN: Supporting Technical Education and Skills Development Facility		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 500,000.00
	TA 9966-BAN: Supporting Technical Education and Skills Development Facility (Supplementary)		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 500,000.00
	TA 9966-BAN: Supporting Technical Education and Skills Development Facility(Supplementary)		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 1.00 million
	Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund		US\$ 500,000.00
Operational Priorities	OP1: Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity		
Sector / Subsector	Education / Technical and vocational education and training		
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Description	Bangladesh has achieved robust economic growth, averaging more than 6.0% since 2011 and recording 8.1% for FY2019. Such strong growth has been driven by steady expansion and surge in export-oriented manufacturing industries, such as ready-made garment, textile, leather, and food processing. The service sector is also growing, including retail, health care and tourism. Despite sustained growth during the past decade, the country faces tremendous challenge in developing a skilled, competitive workforce that can meet emerging skills needs in the local and global labor markets. The working-age population is expanding fast from 87 million in 2011 to 119 million by 2026, with 2 million potential new entrants to the labor force every year. More than half of the labor force have only primary education or less; and less than 4.0% of the working-age population (aged 1559) had received any technical or vocational training. Youth unemployment rate has risen from 4.0% in 1991 to more than 10% currently. To sustain the country's growth path and reap the benefit of demographic dividend, the country needs to invest in its human capital resources and develop a well-trained and highly-skilled workforce. Rapid technology advances are also affecting Bangladesh industries, altering the nature of jobs which demand higher levels of technical and cognitive skills while reducing demand for low-skilled jobs.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	To develop job-ready and demand-responsive skills among youth for successful transition into the labor force, modern technical education and training systems are necessary. However, the capacity and quality of technical education and skills training in Bangladesh are inadequate to meet current or emerging demands for requisite skills. First of all, curriculum is largely theory-based and has limited relevance to today's requirements in industries. Second, training facilities and equipment are too outdated to deliver current or emerging technical skills, and the overall capacity is insufficient to accommodate increasing numbers of youth to be trained. Third, the supply of qualified trainers is limited, and the existing trainers have not updated their pedagogic and technical skills to adapt today's training requirements. Finally, there is lack of credible assessment and certification systems to ensure the quality of training systems. Consequently, technical education, including polytechnics, has not led to successful employment, showing a job placement rate of less than 50%. To ensure that young people are equipped with requisite skills in line with labor market demands, significant improvements are needed in the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) system as well as the overall skills development system. Improving the TVET system is important for ensuring inclusive development, as the trainees in technical institutes are mostly from low socioeconomic backgrounds, who may not pursue a higher education.		
Impact			
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome			
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs			
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)			
Geographical Location		Nation-wide, Bangladesh	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects			
Involuntary Resettlement			
Indigenous Peoples			
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation			
During Project Design		The TA design is a result of consultations with government counterparts and other key stakeholders. Their inputs have been fully incorporated in the TA design.	

During Project Implementation The implementation of the TA is undertaken in close consultation with government counterparts, key stakeholders and consultants engaged by ADB under the TA. The consultants were fielded with the concurrence of Finance Division, Ministry of Finance. Regular consultations are ensured through review missions.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services The TA facility will initially provide 77.5 person-months' consultant inputs (31 person-months international and 46.5 person-months national) to support the preparation of ensuing projects and implementation of ongoing projects. The consultants will be recruited using individual consultant selection method and deployed based on the requirements of each project being prepared or implemented. Individual consultant selection, rather than firm selection, is considered appropriate, because the TA facility involves multiple activities that are not necessarily interdependent and will require a varied range of consultants and services. ADB will engage consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

Procurement NA

Responsible ADB Officer	Li, Zhigang
Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Human and Social Development Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	Finance Division, Ministry of Finance

Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	27 Apr 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	14 Dec 2022

TA 9966-BAN

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
27 Apr 2020	15 Jun 2020	15 Jun 2020	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2024	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,000,000.00	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500,000.00	25 Jan 2023	1,157,295.12

Project Page	https://www.adb.org/projects/42466-018/main
Request for Information	http://www.adb.org/forms/request-information-form?subject=42466-018
Date Generated	05 June 2023

ADB provides the information contained in this project data sheet (PDS) solely as a resource for its users without any form of assurance. Whilst ADB tries to provide high quality content, the information are provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied, including without limitation warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, and non-infringement. ADB specifically does not make any warranties or representations as to the accuracy or completeness of any such information.