



Georgia: Climate Smart Irrigation Sector Development Project (formerly Water Resources Sector Development Program)

Project Name	Climate Smart Irrigation Sector Development Project (formerly Water Resources Sector Development Program)	
Project Number	54014-001	
Country / Economy	Georgia	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Preparing the Water Resources Sector Development Project	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 15.00 million
	Loan: Water Resources Sector Development Program	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 30.00 million
	TA: Climate Smart Irrigation Sector Development Project (formerly Water Resources Sector Development Program)	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 250,000.00
Operational Priorities	OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability OP5: Promoting rural development and food security OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural production - Irrigation - Rural water policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The program will be aligned with the following impact: agriculture production and food security improved (footnote 7). The program will have three outputs: the policy-based loan will support sector reforms under output 1, and the investment loan will support outputs 2 and 3. Sector reform is required to introduce sustainable food production systems under outputs 2 and 3. These outputs will result in the following outcome: modernized irrigation approaches implemented in eastern Georgia.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Georgia is a small open economy strategically located at a crossroad between Europe and Asia. A key sector of its economy is services, which employs 49.4% of the population and contributes 73.6% to gross domestic product (GDP), while manufacturing employs 5.6% of population and contributes 8.5% to GDP, and construction employs 4.1% of population and contributes 7.0% to GDP. Georgia's economic growth was strong in 2019 at 5.1%, up from 4.8% in 2018, which reflects record spending on public investment and a sharp rise in exports. Georgia's strong growth performance has not been matched by commensurate reductions in unemployment and poverty. The unemployment rate marginally declined to 11.6% in 2019 (from 12.7% in 2018) with significant underemployment in the agriculture and education sectors. The percentage of the population living below the national poverty line was 20.1% in 2019, compared to 36.9% in 2006.	
Impact	Agricultural production and food security in Georgia improved.??	
Outcome	Modernized irrigation approaches implemented in eastern Georgia??	
Outputs	Irrigation schemes modernized. (Investment component)??Innovative agriculture production systems demonstrated. (Investment component)??	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide, Kakheti	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment		B
Involuntary Resettlement		B
Indigenous Peoples		C
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Business Opportunities		
Consulting Services	All advance contracting will be undertaken in conformity with ADB Procurement Policy: Goods, Works, Non-consulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time). The executing agency has been advised that approval of advance contracting does not commit ADB to finance the program. The issuance of invitations to bid under advance contracting will be subject to ADB approval.	

Procurement The recommended project procurement classification is category A. Although project procurement is deemed 'low risk because no special or particularly large contract packages are expected, the EA and IA are new to ADB procedures.

Responsible ADB Officer	Zhou, Yaozhou
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture (MEPA) Ministry of Finance

Timetable

Concept Clearance	03 Dec 2020
Fact Finding	19 Sep 2022 to 30 Sep 2022
MRM	14 Jul 2023
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	08 Dec 2020

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