



Regional: Enhancing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries

Project Name	Enhancing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries	
Project Number	54305-001	
Country / Economy	Regional Bangladesh Bhutan India Maldives Nepal Sri Lanka	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6557-REG: Enhancing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.45 million
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 750,000.00
Operational Priorities	OP1: Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability OP4: Making cities more livable OP5: Promoting rural development and food security OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity OP7: Fostering regional cooperation and integration	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development Education / Education sector development - social protection initiatives Energy / Energy sector development and institutional reform Health / Mother and child health care Transport / Transport policies and institutional development Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Urban policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender	Gender equity theme	
Description	The proposed regional transaction technical assistance (TA) facility will support the developing member countries (DMCs) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in South Asia to enhance the integration of gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) in project design and implementation and achieve greater GESI results. It aims to deliver three main outputs: (i) improved quality of GESI mainstreaming at entry, (ii) enhanced implementation, monitoring, and reporting of GESI results, and (iii) strengthened GESI capacities of sectors and partners. The TA facility will support 239 projects (117 projects in the pipeline and 122 projects under implementation) across sectors of the South Asia Department (SARD). To ensure consistency in following through the implementation of this TA facility, the same set of consultants will be contracted to attend to the multiple ensuing and/or ongoing projects. The same implementation arrangement will be adopted to ensure smooth coordination between the consultants and project teams.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	This TA facility will build on the lessons of SARD's regional TA8311: Enhancing Gender Equity Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries, implemented in 2010-2020. Foremost of these lessons is the importance of collaborative or convergence approach between the resident missions (through country directors and GESI teams) and ADB headquarters, between SAOD and sector divisions, between SARD and other ADB departments, and between ADB and the executing and implementing agencies, not only in tapping available resources but also in designing, refining, implementing, and evaluating evidence-based GESI initiatives and results and in ensuring that agreed GESI activities and targets are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound. This TA facility is aligned with the second operational priority (OP2) of ADB Strategy 2030, 'accelerating progress of gender equality. It embeds OP2 and OP1, 'addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities, across all sector projects. It also complements with operations contributing to other OPs. The proposed TA facility will strengthen the contributions of the South Asian countries to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 1 (no extreme poverty), SDG 5 (gender equality), and SDG 10 (reduced inequalities), and the upholding of the SDG principle of 'leaving no one behind.	
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Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome		
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Bangladesh - Nation-wide; Bhutan - Nation-wide; India - Nation-wide; Maldives - Nation-wide; Nepal - Nation-wide; Sri Lanka - 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

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. The same consultants will be engaged across multiple ensuing and/or ongoing projects. The consultants' inputs will comprise a total of 312 person-months: (a) international consultants (individual) [62 person-months]; and (b) national consultants (individual) [250 person-months].

Procurement Any procurement under this TA will follow the ADB Procurement Policy, the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers, and the associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

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Responsible ADB Division	SAOD-PR
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank

Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	04 Sep 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	15 Sep 2022

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
04 Sep 2020	-	04 Sep 2020	31 Oct 2023	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
2,200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,200,000.00	25 May 2023	2,069,184.48

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