



Regional: Creating Investable Cities in a Post-COVID-19 Asia and the Pacific — Enhancing Competitiveness and Resilience through Quality Infrastructure

Project Name	Creating Investable Cities in a Post-COVID-19 Asia and the Pacific — Enhancing Competitiveness and Resilience through Quality Infrastructure								
Project Number	54036-001								
Country / Economy	Regional Bangladesh Georgia India Indonesia Kazakhstan Malaysia Pakistan Philippines Papua New Guinea China, People's Republic of Sri Lanka Thailand Uzbekistan Viet Nam								
Project Status	Active								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"><tr><td>TA 6588-REG: Creating Investable Cities in a Post-COVID-19 Asia and the Pacific Enhancing Competitiveness and Resilience through Quality Infrastructure</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 1.79 million</td></tr><tr><td>TA 6588-REG: Creating Investable Cities in a Post-COVID-19 Asia and the Pacific Enhancing Competitiveness and Resilience through Quality Infrastructure</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Financial Sector Development Partnership Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 150,000.00</td></tr></table>	TA 6588-REG: Creating Investable Cities in a Post-COVID-19 Asia and the Pacific Enhancing Competitiveness and Resilience through Quality Infrastructure		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.79 million	TA 6588-REG: Creating Investable Cities in a Post-COVID-19 Asia and the Pacific Enhancing Competitiveness and Resilience through Quality Infrastructure		Financial Sector Development Partnership Special Fund	US\$ 150,000.00
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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	Public sector management / Decentralization - Public expenditure and fiscal management Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Other urban services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development								
Gender	Some gender elements								
Description	More than 95% of all coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases, are in urban areas. COVID-19 has exposed the vulnerabilities of developing member country (DMC) cities, which are on the front line of COVID-19 containment efforts. The benefits of urban agglomeration, such as high density, lower mobility costs, and improved regional and international connectivity, that have made DMC cities the engines of economic growth in Asia and the Pacific have left cities exposed to the risks of COVID-19 a major challenge in the fight against the pandemic. COVID-19 provides an impetus to strengthen DMC cities' financial resiliency and domestic resource mobilization, and build their capacity to erect quality infrastructure to 'build back better and drive economic recovery efforts across the region.								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	This project will leverage Asian Development Bank (ADB) resources, knowledge, and partnerships to help cities in DMCs increase their technical, financial, and managerial capacity to develop quality municipal infrastructure and improve their competitiveness and resilience post-COVID-19. The TA is aligned with ADB's Strategy 2030 and its operational priorities, in particular priority 4 (making cities more livable) and priority 6 (strengthening governance and institutional capacity). The TA is also aligned with the operational plan for private sector operations, 20192024 and is included in the 2020 work plan of ADB's PublicPrivate Partnership Thematic Group.								
Impact	Increase in municipal QII								
Project Outcome									
Description of Outcome	Capacity for early-stage identification and preparation of quality infrastructure increased.								
Progress Toward Outcome									
Implementation Progress									
Description of Project Outputs	Frameworks to improve cities' ability to implement QII developed. City credit-rating tool developed. Cities' capacity to implement quality Partner city action plans developed to support early-stage QII pipelines.								
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)									

Geographical Location

Bangladesh - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; India - Nation-wide; Indonesia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Malaysia - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Papua New Guinea - Nation-wide; Philippines - Nation-wide; Sri Lanka - Nation-wide; Thailand - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide; Viet Nam - 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

Responsible ADB Officer	Grover, Sanjay
Responsible ADB Department	Office of Markets Development and Public-Private Partnership
Responsible ADB Division	Special Initiatives and Funds (OMSF)
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank

Timetable

Concept Clearance	17 Sep 2020
Fact Finding	23 Jan 2020 to 23 Jan 2020
MRM	-
Approval	05 Nov 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	05 Nov 2020

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
05 Nov 2020	-	05 Nov 2020	31 Dec 2025	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization

ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Cumulative Disbursements	
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others		Date	Amount

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