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

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<td>Country / Economy</td>
<td>Regional Bangladesh Georgia India Indonesia Kazakhstan Malaysia Pakistan Philippines Papua New Guinea China, People's Republic of Sri Lanka Thailand Uzbekistan Viet Nam</td>
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<td>Source of Funding / Amount</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Increase in municipal QII</td>
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**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

TA 6588-REG

Financing Plan/TA Utilization

ADB
Cofinancing

Counterpart

Gov
Beneficiaries
Project Sponsor
Others

Total

Date

Cumulative Disbursements

1,939,000.00
0.00
0.00
0.00
0.00
1,939,000.00
19 Sep 2023
312,855.79

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