



Regional: Supporting Startup Ecosystem in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Region to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 and Support Economic Revival

Project Name	Supporting Startup Ecosystem in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Region to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 and Support Economic Revival												
Project Number	54341-001												
Country / Economy	Regional Afghanistan Azerbaijan Georgia Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Mongolia Pakistan China, People's Republic of Tajikistan Turkmenistan Uzbekistan												
Project Status	Active												
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance												
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"><tr><td colspan="2">TA 6602-REG: Supporting Startup Ecosystem in the CAREC Region to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 and Support Economic Revival</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 500,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund</td><td>US\$ 500,000.00</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">TA 6602-REG: Supporting Startup Ecosystem in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Region to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 and Support Economic Revival</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 358,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund</td><td>US\$ 450,000.00</td></tr></table>	TA 6602-REG: Supporting Startup Ecosystem in the CAREC Region to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 and Support Economic Revival		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 500,000.00	Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund	US\$ 500,000.00	TA 6602-REG: Supporting Startup Ecosystem in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Region to Mitigate Impact of COVID-19 and Support Economic Revival		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 358,000.00	Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund	US\$ 450,000.00
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Operational Priorities	OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality OP4: Making cities more livable OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity OP7: Fostering regional cooperation and integration												
Sector / Subsector	Information and communication technology / ICT industries and ICT-enabled services - ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development												
Gender	Some gender elements												
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will help the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) countries address challenges posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and support economic revival using information and communication technologies (ICTs) and digital technologies. The TA will support the following activities: (i) implementing CAREC initiatives on digital transformation, and (ii) supporting startup ecosystem development in the CAREC region.												
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy													
Impact	Sustainable and shared digital development for economic growth in the CAREC region												
Project Outcome													
Description of Outcome	Enhanced use of ICTs and digital technologies to mitigate direct and economic impact of COVID-19 and enable economic revival in the region through increased cooperation among CAREC countries												
Progress Toward Outcome													
Implementation Progress													
Description of Project Outputs	CAREC initiatives on digital transformation implemented Start-up ecosystem development for CAREC countries supported												
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)													
Geographical Location	Afghanistan - Nation-wide; Azerbaijan - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Mongolia - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Tajikistan - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - 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 To be selected and engaged by ADB
- Team of individual consultants formed by international experts (19 person-months) and national experts (46 person-months)
- Resource persons (international and national, 4.5 person-months)

Procurement To be procured by the executing agency
Procurement of equipment will follow ADB procurement guidelines.

Responsible ADB Officer	Lazaro, Dorothea
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Regional Cooperation and Integration Unit, CWRD (CWRC)
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank

Timetable

Concept Clearance	27 May 2022
Fact Finding	07 Jul 2020 to 07 Jul 2020
MRM	-
Approval	18 Nov 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	18 Nov 2020

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
18 Nov 2020	-	18 Nov 2020	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2025	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,308,000.00	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,808,000.00	12 Sep 2023	720,944.07

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