



# Bangladesh: Strengthening Agricultural Tertiary Education Project

Project Name	Strengthening Agricultural Tertiary Education Project	
Project Number	53378-001	
Country / Economy	Bangladesh	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	<b>Loan: Strengthening Agricultural Tertiary Education Project</b>	
	Concessional ordinary capital resources lending	US\$ 150.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development Education / Tertiary	
Gender	Gender equity theme	
Description		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Before the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, Bangladesh was the fastest growing economy among Asian countries with an 8.2% annual growth in gross domestic product (GDP) in FY2019. However, the GDP growth declined to 3.5% in FY2020, and while 5.5% GDP growth is expected in FY2021, full recovery may take some time given the global pandemic. The economy needs new areas of growth beyond the ready-made garment, such as the food processing industry, which is considered as one of the next economic engines for growth.	
Impact	Technologies harnessed for higher agricultural productivity and profitability	
Outcome	Industry responsiveness of advanced agricultural tertiary education and research enhanced	
Outputs	Quality of tertiary agricultural education improved Relevance and entrepreneurial tertiary agricultural education enhanced Agricultural research and development strengthened Network and project management supported	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
<b>Safeguard Categories</b>		
Environment		B
Involuntary Resettlement		C
Indigenous Peoples		C
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
<b>Business Opportunities</b>		
Consulting Services	Recruit a consulting firm to develop BAU management information system (Q1 2023). Recruit a project management consulting firm to manage workshop, seminar, conference, startup facilities and develop economic model of interdisciplinary research support center (Q2 2023).	
Procurement	Advance contracting and retroactive financing are envisaged for civil works, equipment, trainings for academic staff, etc. A procurement plan for advance actions is identified, and bidding documents for the civil works contracts on renovation and refurbishment of BAU will be prepared by March 2022.	
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Responsible ADB Department	Sectors Group	
Responsible ADB Division	Human and Social Development Sector Office (SG-HSD)	
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Education	

#### Timetable

Concept Clearance	14 Jan 2022
Fact Finding	15 Mar 2024 to 15 Mar 2024
MRM	18 Mar 2024
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	14 Dec 2022

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