



Project Data Sheet

Project 56269-001

Project Name	Supporting Innovative Knowledge Solutions in South Asia	
Project Number	56269-001	
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 10019-REG: Supporting Innovative Knowledge Solutions in South Asia	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.38 million
Operational Priorities	OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability OP5: Promoting rural development and food security OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development Energy / Energy efficiency and conservation Finance / Small and medium enterprise finance and leasing Information and communication technology / ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development Transport / Multimodal logistics	
Gender	No gender elements	
Description	The knowledge and support TA will support formulation, implementation and dissemination of operationally relevant knowledge solutions for development strategies in South Asia, particularly strategies, policies, plans, and other knowledge products and services for a green and resilient post-COVID recovery, through in-depth analysis, stakeholder consultations, and high-level policy advice.	

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	South Asia has about 1.5 billion people and is one of the poorest regions in the world. Although globalization has brought opportunities, so far only a small percentage of people have benefited. Despite high rates of economic growth in recent years and steady progress in poverty reduction, the region is still home to nearly half of the world's poor. The region is prone to climate and geological disasters such as floods, droughts, cyclones or storms, earthquakes, and landslides. Increasing average temperatures and changes in seasonal rainfall patterns are already having adverse effects across South Asia affecting populations, infrastructure, ecosystems, and livelihoods.
Impact	Green and resilient post-COVID recovery and inclusive economic growth in SARD countries improved and sustained.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Knowledge solutions for green, resilient, and inclusive development adopted by SARD DMCs
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Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	Integrated and multi-disciplinary approach for strengthening country knowledge programming delivered Regional and country-level innovative knowledge solutions relating to a digital economy supported Knowledge sharing, dissemination, and learning events enhanced
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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
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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 a mix of consulting firms, individual consultants and resource persons and carry out procurement following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. Consultants' qualifications selection will be used if consulting services are engaged through a firm. Experts will be contracted via consulting firms or as individuals depending on the scope and requirements of the planned activities. Output based and/or lump-sum contracts will also be considered, but time-based contracts will be used as appropriate.
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Procurement	Not applicable
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Timetable

Concept Clearance 18 Oct 2022
 Fact Finding -
 MRM -
 Approval 08 Dec 2022
 Last Review Mission -
 Last PDS Update 08 Dec 2022

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
08 Dec 2022	-	08 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2025	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization

ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart					Total	Cumulative Disbursements	
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others	Date		Amount	
		1,375,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	1,375,000.00

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