



Nepal: Community Groundwater Irrigation Sector

Project Name	Community Groundwater Irrigation Sector		
Project Number	29236-013		
Borrower/Company			
Country	Nepal		
Location	Nepal		
Approval Number	1609		
Type or Modality of Assistance	1609	ADF	US\$ 30.00 million Approved
Strategic Agendas			
Drivers of Change			
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture and Natural Resources - Irrigation		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming			
Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department		
Responsible ADB Division	Urban Development and Water Division, SARD		
Responsible ADB Officer	ADB Disclosure		
Project Sponsor(s)			
Description	The long-term development objectives are to: (i) enhance agricultural productivity and production in Terai; (ii) reduce poverty by providing incomes and employment; (iii) support an effective institutional framework for increased and effective use of groundwater irrigation.		
Objectives and Scope			
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	With high incidence of rural poverty associated with low land productivity due to erratic rainfall, poor input supply and support services, and lack of infrastructure, increasing agricultural productivity is crucial to reducing poverty and ensuring food security in Nepal. A key element of this strategic thrust is to improve the productivity and sustainability of farmer-managed irrigation systems (FMISs, which cover about 30% of net cultivated area) through strengthening farmer water user associations (WUAs) and improving critical infrastructure along with other necessary support services such as agriculture extension.		

Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	An estimated 336 person-months of consulting services consisting of about 56 person-months of international consultants and 28 person-months of domestic consultants will be required. The consultants will develop processes and strategies for strengthening the capacity of Department of Irrigation, Nepal Rastra Bank, Department of Agriculture and participating financial institutions to provide their services to water users' groups and associations, and assist the Project Management Unit in project management and supervision. It is expected that the international and domestic consultants will be recruited by CIDA from suitably qualified consulting firms.
Procurement	Farmers will procure drilling services and pumps directly from private suppliers using direct purchase procedures. Civil works will be small, simple, labor-intensive and dispersed widely in the Project area and therefore, they will be carried out following local competitive bidding procedures acceptable to the Bank. Simple concrete and earth works costing less than \$2,500 may be carried out by water users associations. Equipment and service vehicles will be procured through international shopping procedures and in cases where the costs are less than \$50,000, through direct purchase procedures.

Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation

Concept Clearance	17 Nov 1994
Due Diligence	
Credit Committee Meeting	30 Jun 1997
Approval	26 Feb 1998
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Last PDS Update	11 Dec 2006

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