China, People's Republic of: Gansu Urban Infrastructure Development and Wetland Protection Project

Project Name: Gansu Urban Infrastructure Development and Wetland Protection Project

Country: China, People's Republic of

Source of Funding / Amount: TA 7609-PRC: Gansu Urban Infrastructure Development and Wetland Protection Project

Project Status: Closed

Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Technical Assistance

Country / Regional Strategy: Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change: Governance and capacity development

Sector / Subsector: Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Water-based natural resources management

Description: The project (i) aims to improve living conditions and contribute to economic growth in Dingxi and Zhangye cities in the People's Republic of China's (PRC's) Gansu Province and (ii) supports the government's efforts to promote integrated urban infrastructure development and environmental protection.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy: Gansu, located in the northwest PRC, is the second poorest province in terms of gross domestic product per capita in the country. Despite buoyant economic growth in recent years, poor infrastructure and high transportation costs heavily constrained economic opportunities in the long-term. As part of the National Strategy for Development of the West, the government has focused on developing infrastructure (transport, municipal infrastructure, power, communication, and water resources) to stimulate and sustain economic growth in the province. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been actively supporting the government's efforts to stimulate Gansu's economic development. This project, together with other ADB-financed technical assistance and loan projects in the province, fully supports the above strategy.

Impact: Improved urban environment, quality of life, and higher economic growth in Dingxi and Zhangye cities of Gansu Province, PRC

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome: Improved and affordable municipal services delivered efficiently and reliably by the local municipal bodies

Progress Toward Outcome: To be assessed at completion.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs: Component 1: Development of Road Infrastructure in Dingxi City
1. 1 Constructed 3 new roads, 13 bridges, 7.48 km of storm water and sewerage pipelines
2. 2 Wetland is restored and efficiently protected
2. 3 Water supply plant is constructed and fully operational
2. 4 Water supply and sewage pipeline network is operational
Component 2: Development of Urban Infrastructure in Zhangye City
1. 1 Wetland is restored and efficiently protected
2. 2 Constructed 14 new roads and traffic management services improved
2. 3 Water supply plant is constructed and fully operational
2. 4 Water supply and sewage pipeline network is operational
Component 3: Project Management and Capacity Development
Project management and urban development capacity of the municipalities is improved in terms of project management, financial management, procurement, and urban development

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues): The loan negotiations was successfully held on 23-24 August 2012 and the loan was approved by the Board on 26 September 2012.
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design
Major stakeholders include the government (national, provincial, municipal, and district levels); management of the water supply company; project beneficiaries; water supply and wastewater treatment service customers; and project area residents. Stakeholder analysis, including a household survey, will be conducted during PPTA implementation. The consultants are expected to ensure a high level of stakeholder participation throughout the project design using methodologies including but not limited to information sharing, consultation, collaborative decision making, and empowerment.

During Project Implementation
Stakeholder analysis, including a household survey, and three stakeholder workshops will be conducted during PPTA implementation. Findings from the household survey will be used as inputs. Public consultation will be carried out by the executing agency, local government officials, design institutes, and other stakeholders during preparation of the feasibility study, poverty and social assessment, environmental impact assessment, and resettlement plan.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services
A total of 34 person-months (14 international and 20 national) of consulting services will be required for the TA. The consultants will have expertise in urban development, bridge and road engineering, water supply and sewage network engineering, wetland protection, project finance and economics, financial analysis, poverty and social assessment and development, resettlement, environment, institutional development, and project management.

To help the government prepare the Zhangye City Wetland Protection subcomponent of the project, ADB's Water Financing Partnership Facility (WFPF) has approved the TA for Preliminary Survey and Assessment for Initiating Interventions on Zhangye Wetlands Protection and Rehabilitation in Hei River Basin. The total cost of the TA is $150,000. A total of 12.5 person-months of national consulting services will be required for the TA. The consultants will have expertise in natural resources and wetland management, water resources planning and hydrology, environmental economics, and municipal engineering.

Individual consultants have been recruited for the WFPF-financed TA. An international consulting firm in association with national consultants (HJI Group Corporation) has been engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time). The Consultant was selected and engaged on the basis of the quality of the proposal (80%) and the cost (20%) of the services to be provided (the quality- and cost-based selection method) using simplified technical proposal procedures.

The consulting firm will be responsible for procurement of the TA equipment in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (April 2010, as amended from time to time). GPFB will retain the equipment upon TA completion.

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Timetable
Concept Clearance 18 Aug 2010
Fact Finding 28 Feb 2010 to 13 Mar 2010
MRM -
Approval 18 Aug 2010
Last Review Mission -
PDS Creation Date 16 Jul 2010
Last PDS Update 28 Sep 2012

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