Regional: Enhancing ADB's Engagement in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations

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Project Number: 45328-001


Project Status: Closed

Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Technical Assistance

Source of Funding / Amount:
- TA 8065-REG: Enhancing ADB's Engagement in Fragile and Conflict Affected Situations
  - Technical Assistance Special Fund: US$ 800,000.00
  - Government of Australia: US$ 121,320.00

Strategic Agendas:
- Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change:
- Governance and capacity development

Sector / Subsector:
- Public sector management - Decentralization - Economic affairs management - Public administration

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming

Description:
The proposed TA aims to support ADB's FCAS developing member countries in building effective institutions that will support their peace-building and or state-building efforts. Country-led capacity development will be carried out to enable government counterparts formulate and implement strategic and operational approaches to address the challenges of fragility. The FCASs include fragile Pacific developing member countries and those in post-conflict situations such as Afghanistan and transitional Nepal, or country where there is a subnational situation of fragility like Sri Lanka.

To support growth and economic development in FCAS, the proposed TA will identify peace-building and or state-building opportunities by conducting fragility assessments and formulating capacity development plans. It aims to foster new thinking to improve the use of innovative instruments and approaches in FCAS, including use of peace or fragility filters, and political economy analyses. These tools can be used to develop appropriate capacity development plans, and to better design and implement country strategies and projects.

The proposed TA will contribute to an enhanced alignment with DMC governments' national development plans and state-building activities, as well as stronger harmonization with other development partners in FCAS to support the country-led efforts of transition out of fragility. The momentum thus far acquired in knowledge management in support of ADB's approach to FCAS will also be improved, bringing a deeper understanding and stronger application of innovative operational approaches into the mainstream of ADB's operations in FCAS.

Building on the outputs and outcome of the previous assistance supporting ADB's engagement in fragile situations, the proposed TA will further strengthen conflict-sensitive approaches and participation, and enhance government counterparts and ADB staff capacities to conduct political economy assessments supporting development activities in FCASs. In particular, the proposed TA also intends to integrate fragility assessments and political economy analysis into the implementation of ADB's Pacific Approach. This proposed TA will build on the experiences of the ongoing TA that aims to introduce and mainstream different operational approaches to situations of fragility or post-conflict in ADB. It will benefit from the lessons learned from the pilot initiatives in Nepal and in Pacific countries. The proposed TA will identify best practices and lessons learned on conflict risk assessment under the TA on Development Partnership Program for South Asia, in particular from experiences gained in Sri Lanka. It will also benefit from the outcomes of the TA on Enhancing Engagement with Pacific Developing Member Countries and Strengthening Pacific Economic Analysis and Policy Development. A key lesson from these TAs is that further strengthening of ADB and counterpart agencies' capacity for engagement in FCASs is needed to improve development effectiveness in such fragile settings.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:
The proposed TA responds to ADB's Strategy 2020 recommendation to seek innovative means to strengthen the effectiveness of country-led models of engagement in FCASs. It supports the implementation of ADB's approach to engaging with FCAS and the Pacific Approach 2010 - 2014. It will also support implementation of the 2010 recommendations of the Special Evaluation Study on FCAS.

Impact:
Improved effectiveness of development assistance in FCAS DMCs

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome:
Enhanced capacity of key government agencies in FCAS DMCs to address fragility issues

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs:
1. Country-led fragility assessments processes and tools successfully tested and documented in selected FCAS DMCs.
2. Country-led capacity development plans implemented in selected FCAS DMCs.
A fragility assessment of Afghanistan has been prepared based on desk study to inform the next country partnership strategy. An investigative study was conducted for the Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management Project in Mindanao, Philippines.

Fragility assessments were conducted with International Alert on three projects being implemented in Nepal: (i) Secondary Town Urban Integrated Environment Improvement Project, (ii) High Mountain Agriculture and Livelihood Project, and (iii) Decentralized Rural Infrastructure and Livelihood Project. A knowledge product on the fragility assessments has been published.

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Fragility assessment of transport and energy sectors in Papua New Guinea (PNG) was conducted to inform PNG Country Partnership Strategy 2016-2020. Findings of the study were presented during the PNG CPS country team retreat in April 2014. A short policy brief has been published with no objection from the PNG government. A full-blown report has been finalized for internal use. Based on this study, a practical guide to fragility assessment has been developed and published.

A political economy study was conducted to inform ADB’s next country operations business plan for Vanuatu. Study findings and recommendations were presented in Vanuatu to separate groups of donors, NGOs, and the government and to the public. Presentations were given to ADB in Sydney on 5 September 2014 and in Manila on 12 November 2014. A knowledge product, approved by the Government of Vanuatu, has been published.

A high-level forum was held on 6-7 June 2013, with more than 60 participants, including high-ranking government officials and senior representatives from development partners. Proceedings highlighting the presentations and discussions in the high-level forum has been published. A brochure summarizing the issues and recommendations that emerged from the forum has also been published.

A new ongoing initiative, developing youth skills for work in fragile situations in the Pacific, aims to strengthen the voice of the Pacific youth in the process of developing policies and programs that improve skills, employment, and decent work outcomes for young people. It will support RETA 8794 (Technical Assistance for Improving the Performance of Labor Markets in the Pacific).

Output 2 (See http://fragilesituations.adb.org) NASC continues to provide training to government staff on peace-sensitive approach to development. To date, around 600 government officials have been trained. The training curriculum and the peacebuilding tool manual have been prepared by NASC. A knowledge document on local capacity building on peace-sensitive development approach has been published.

Project preparation and appraisal guidelines have been prepared to provide institutional support to implementation of Solomon Islands’ National Development Strategy. Capacity building was conducted for the Ministry of Development Planning. A knowledge product capturing the experiences in this initiative has been published.

The framework will be piloted in selected FCAS countries under the technical assistance on mapping resilience to fragility. A broad framework for long-term institution building suited to FCAS DMCs has been developed. A brochure has been published. The framework will be piloted in selected FCAS countries under the technical assistance on mapping resilience to fragility.

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An experts’ meeting on fragility assessment was conducted jointly with The Asia Foundation in Bangkok on 15-16 June 2015. A total of 23 experts and government officials discussed best practices on conflict and fragility assessments and how these can best inform policy-making and development assistance. Proceeding of the workshop has been published online.

A conflict-sensitive analysis was conducted in Afghanistan’s transport sector and published as knowledge product (brochure) to inform future ADB operations in the country.

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