China, People's Republic of: Technical and Vocational Education and Training Management Capacity Building in Hunan

Project Name: Technical and Vocational Education and Training Management Capacity Building in Hunan
Project Number: 47032-001
Country: China, People's Republic of
Project Status: Closed

Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount: TA B462-PRC: Technical and Vocational Education and Training Management Capacity Building in Hunan
Technical Assistance Special Fund
US$ 350,000.00

Strategic Agenda: Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change: Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector: Education - Technical and vocational education and training
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming: Inclusive economic growth

Description:
At the request of the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) during the country programming mission in December 2012, technical assistance (TA) for strengthening management capacity of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in Hunan was included in the Asian Development Bank’s (ADB) 2013 non-lending program. ADB fielded a TA reconnaissance mission in June 2013, during which agreement was reached with the Hunan Education Department (HED) on the TA’s impact, outcome, outputs, costs and financing, implementation arrangements, and outline terms of reference for consulting services.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:
The TA aims to strengthen the TVET management capacity in Hunan, address its current weaknesses, and work toward achieving the goals of the provincial Twelfth Five-Year Plan. After the TA was included in ADB’s 2013 non-lending program, the HED prepared a first proposal and held consultative meetings with ADB to design the TA concept.

Impact:
Strengthened capacity of the government and other stakeholders to manage the TVET system in Hunan Province.

Description of Outcome:
Improved TVET management in Hunan through consideration by HED of the recommendations and guidelines prepared by the TA.
The TA was approved on 26 Sep 2013 and became effective on 18 Oct 2013. The national consulting firm was mobilized on 30 Jun 2014. An inception mission was fielded on 17-19 Sep 2014 to discuss TA implementation progress, including a workshop which focused on TVET quality assurance, TVET skills testing certificates, TVET performance monitoring and evaluation, and East-West (National) Partnerships.

### Implementation Progress

#### Description of Project Outputs
1. A review of TVET quality assurance in Hunan completed.
2. Technical guidelines for strengthening an institution-level TVET quality improvement framework developed.
3. Recommendations made for improving skills testing and certification in three priority fields of study, including development of assessment standards.
4. Technical guidelines developed for an east-west partnership.
5. Recommendations made for monitoring key performance indicators in TVET.

#### Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
Inception report from the consulting firm was submitted on 12 Jan 2015. Interim report with main recommendations and specific activities or actions is under preparation. The draft Quality Assurance framework has been prepared but still needs fine tuning in consultation with HED and pilot institutions. The following activities are being planned for Q4 2015 to Q2 2016: pilot implementation by three pilot institutions, conduct survey on the results of the pilot program, a workshop to present findings/results of the pilot, draft final report and final report.

### Geographical Location
Hunan

### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

#### Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

#### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

##### During Project Design
Hunan Provincial Government (EA), Hunan Education Department, Hunan Department of Science and Technology, Hunan Department of Human Resources and Social Security, among others were consulted during project design.

##### During Project Implementation
Policy dialogue will be maintained with the government and project-specific issues will be taken up with government counterparts during review missions.

### Business Opportunities

#### Consulting Services
The consultants will be engaged by ADB through a firm in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time), based on the quality of the proposal (80%) and the cost (20%) of the services to be provided (the quality- and cost-based selection method) using the simplified technical proposal procedure.

The consultants will have expertise in the following: (i) TVET quality assurance, (ii) skills testing and certification, (iii) TVET performance monitoring and accountability, and (iv) east-west partnerships.

### Responsible ADB Officer
Shakil, Sofia

### Time Table

- **Concept Clearance**: 30 Aug 2013
- **Fact Finding**: -
- **Approval**: 26 Sep 2013
- **Last Review Mission**: 26 Sep 2013
- **Last PDS Update**: 17 Sep 2015

### TA 8462-PRC

#### Milestones

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#### Financing Plan/TA Utilization

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