China, People's Republic of: Accelerating the Reform of Application-Oriented Undergraduate Programs at Local Universities in Yunnan Province

Project Name: Accelerating the Reform of Application-Oriented Undergraduate Programs at Local Universities in Yunnan Province

Project Number: 50357-001

Country: China, People's Republic of

Project Status: Active

Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Technical Assistance

Source of Funding / Amount: TA 9526-PRC: Accelerating the Reform of Application-Oriented Undergraduate Programs at Local Universities in Yunnan Province

Strategic Agendas: Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change: Governance and capacity development

Sector / Subsector: Education - Tertiary

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming: No gender elements

Description: The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the development of policy frameworks for accelerating the reform of application-oriented undergraduate programs at local universities.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy: The PRC's higher education system has grown rapidly, contributing to remarkable economic growth. Yet, as the economy undergoes fundamental transformation and its growth has slowed, issues between the PRC's higher education system have become more prominent. These include homogenization of colleges and universities, difficulties of graduates with finding employment, and insufficient capacity of HEIs for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Impact: Higher education system in Yunnan Province in support of socioeconomic development and regional cooperation rationalized

Project Outcome: Reform of application-oriented undergraduate programs at local universities widely implemented
Progress Toward Outcome

To be reviewed in 2020.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

Status of the reform of application-oriented undergraduate programs at local universities assessed
Good practices and lessons learned on the reform of application-oriented undergraduate programs documented and disseminated
Policy recommendations on accelerating the reform of application-oriented undergraduate programs at local universities in line with local industry transformation and upgrading plans developed

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

The consulting firm was fielded on 1 September 2018. Methodology and tools for assessing the status of the reform of application-oriented undergraduate programs at 31 local universities were finalized in early March 2019. Field survey team is expected to be mobilized towards the end of March 2019.

Geographical Location

Yunnan

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

Relevant government agencies and some of local universities participated in the design of the TA.

During Project Implementation

31 local universities in Yunnan province will be consulted and actively participating in data and information collection and analysis and development of case studies.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services

A consulting firm (international, 6 person-months; national, 13 person-months) has been recruited to design and conduct policy-oriented studies on the reform of application-oriented undergraduate programs at local universities. The firm was selected using the quality- and cost-based selection method, with a quality-cost ratio of 90:10 and simplified technical proposals. Output-based, lumpsum contract with a provision of fixed out-of-pocket expenditures was considered for the assignment.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance 19 Apr 2018
Fact Finding 08 Mar 2018 to 12 Mar 2018
MRM -
Approval 14 May 2018
Last Review Mission -
Last PDS Update 28 Mar 2019

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