Sri Lanka: Urban Project Preparatory Facility

Project Name | Urban Project Preparatory Facility
Project Number | 51297-001
Country | Sri Lanka
Project Status | Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance | Loan / Technical Assistance

Source of Funding / Amount
- Loan 3706-SRI: Urban Project Preparatory Facility
  concesional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund
  US$ 10.00 million
- TA 9590-SRI: Capacity Building for Secondary Towns and Strategic Cities
  Technical Assistance Special Fund
  US$ 1.00 million

Strategic Agendas | Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change | Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector | Transport - Urban roads and traffic management
Renovation and protection of cultural heritage - Urban flood protection - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development - Urban sanitation - Urban solid waste management

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming | Effective gender mainstreaming

Description | The outputs of the proposed Urban Project Preparatory Facility for Sri Lanka include: (i) feasibility studies and detailed designs of urban projects completed; (ii) advance implementation support for two ensuing projects provided; and (iii) institutional capacity of implementing agencies strengthened. The project will be aligned with the following impact: urban projects in strategic cities and towns implemented in a timely manner. The TA loan will develop two projects listed in the country operations business plan (COBP), 2018-2020. Subproject selection criteria were prepared together with executing agencies, and projects to be developed under the UPPF were initially identified during fact-finding mission. Areas of value addition for ADB include piloting innovative approaches such as high-level technology to improve operational efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and address climate change impacts.

An attached transaction technical assistance (TA) of $1.0 million funded on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-6) will provide capacity building and implementation support to the executing agencies in areas of procurement, technical appraisal, safeguards, disaster and climate change, governance improvement, strategic planning, financial management, revenue generation, and operational and maintenance capacity for improved service delivery.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy | The proposed Urban Project Preparatory Facility for Sri Lanka will strengthen project readiness by completing advanced feasibility studies, detailed designs, and procurement actions to meet Asian Development Bank financing requirements, and build capacities of implementing agencies in the urban sector prior to project approval.
Impact | Urban projects in strategic cities and towns implemented in a timely manner

Project Outcome
- Description of Outcome | High level of urban project readiness achieved
- Progress Toward Outcome | Ongoing. Consulting packages for the preparation of feasibility studies, detailed designs, and procurement actions are currently being recruited.

Implementation Progress
- Description of Project Outputs | Feasibility studies and detailed designs of urban subprojects completed
Advance implementation support for two ensuing projects provided
Institutional capacity of project agencies strengthened
- Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues) | Has yet to start. Consulting packages for the preparation of feasibility studies and detailed designs have yet to be mobilized. Target mobilization date is Oct 2019.

Geographical Location | Nation-wide

Safeguard Categories
- Environment | C
- Involuntary Resettlement | C
- Indigenous Peoples | C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects
- Environmental Aspects | The facility will not involve construction work and will not have any adverse environmental impacts.
- Involuntary Resettlement | The facility will not involve construction work and will not have any involuntary resettlement impacts.
- Indigenous Peoples | The facility will not involve construction work and will not have any indigenous peoples impacts.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation
During Project Design

The project intends to maximize transparency by communicating relevant project information to stakeholders in various means.

During Project Implementation

The PMUs will set up a website within 6 months from the loan effectiveness and disclose all key project-related information, including scope, cost, financial and institutional arrangements, of the project, project safeguard reports including DDRs, IEEs and resettlement plans, procurement plans and project progress. The website will include information on project procurement including the list of participating firms, name of the winning firm, basic details of procurement procedures and value of consultancy contracts awarded. The website shall also contain general project information in both English and Sinhala languages and shall link to ADB’s Integrity Unit website at http://www.adb.org/integrity/complaint.asp for reporting to ADB any grievances or allegations of corrupt practices arising out of project and/or project activities. Each PIU and participating local authorities will also fully disclose relevant project related information such as project name and cost, information on bidding, contractor’s name, contract price, progress of construction through public briefing and bulletin boards.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services

The two executing agencies, the MPCL GS and the MMWD, will establish separate PMUs for implementation. The PMUs will recruit consulting firms to prepare feasibility studies, engineering designs, bidding documents, safeguard documents, and gender action plans. Recruitment will be through quality- and cost-based (90:10) selection. Full technical proposals will be used to evaluate the consulting firms. Procurement (including consulting services) to be financed by the loan will follow the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).

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Timetable

Concept Clearance 13 Feb 2018
Fact Finding 02 Apr 2018 to 09 Apr 2018
MRM 05 Jun 2018
Approval 18 Sep 2018
Last Review Mission
Last PDS Update 18 Sep 2019

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