Regional: Demonstrating Innovative Employment Solutions through Regional Knowledge-Sharing Partnerships with Youth Organizations

Project Name
Demonstrating Innovative Employment Solutions through Regional Knowledge-Sharing Partnerships with Youth Organizations

Project Number
51332-001

Country
Regional

Project Status
Active

Project Type / Modality of Assistance
Technical Assistance

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Strategic Agendas
Inclusive economic growth
Regional integration

Drivers of Change
Governance and capacity development
Knowledge solutions Partnerships

Sector / Subsector
Education - Technical and vocational education and training Information and communication technology - ICT industries and ICT-enabled services - ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development Public sector management - Decentralization - Social protection initiatives

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming
Effective gender mainstreaming

Description
The technical assistance (TA) will mobilize youth from the developing member countries (DMCs) of Asian Development Bank (ADB) to maximize regional youth productivity through innovating and upscaling youth employment solutions. It will support ADB’s education sector program by engaging with civil society organizations and nongovernment organizations working with youth who can contribute and add value to youth employability programs. It will have the following outputs: (i) road map of demonstration projects that increase youth employability developed; (ii) increased youth skills and employability demonstrated; and (iii) youth employment solutions among ADB DMCs, development partners, and youth expanded. These will result in the following outcome: enhanced youth skills for employment. The TA will be aligned with the following impact: increased employability and productivity of youth in select DMCs.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy
The TA supports the vision of ADB’s Strategy 2030 to achieve a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. The TA builds on lessons from ADB’s NGO and Civil Society Center’s Youth for Asia initiative launched under ADB’s TA for Civil Society Participation for Development Effectiveness, and supports ADB’s proposed Education Partnership Platform

Impact
Employability and productivity of youth in select DMCs increased

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome
Youth skills for employment enhanced

Progress Toward Outcome
ongoing

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs
Road map of demonstration projects that increase youth employability developed
Increased youth skills and employability demonstrated
YES among ADB DMCs, development partners, and youth expanded
Innovative and inclusive youth participation in projects expanded

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
Output 1. Initial resources have been mobilized for scoping of demonstration projects and preparing inputs to the YES plan being developed for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Work has commenced on updating Youth for Asia (YFA) database of potential projects for youth engagement for sharing with ADB operations departments.
Output 2. The knowledge partner agreement (KPA) nomination is in progress. This KPA will support the monitoring of Jobstart YES activities in Indonesia Youth network awareness initiatives supporting entrepreneurship and innovation dialogue commenced through NGOC’s activities with youth and civil society organizations based in the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Inputs of youth in project preparation were initiated in selected ADB projects.
Output 3. Following the success of the 6th Asia Youth Forum organized in Incheon City, Republic of Korea on 9-12 August 2018 in which over 400 youth (70% were young women), from 27 ADB members participated, the AFY7 is planned in August 2019.
Output 4. Activities have commenced across SDG focused projects in ADB operations including youth initiatives in Afghanistan (health and education), Indonesia (financial inclusion and YES), Fiji (localizing SDGs through youth networks), Greater Mekong Subregion (environment and climate change resilience), PRC (natural resources management and YES), and youth raising awareness and taking actions to achieve SDGs.
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services
Consultants were recruited to (i) mobilize and project manage a core youth team to support TA implementation and support operational initiatives empowering, mobilizing, and skills-building of DMC youth into ADB operations; (ii) support youth inputs into TA partnership demonstrations and identify upscaling opportunities; (iii) undertake initial data analysis into Solution for Youth Employment (S4YE) study; (iv) support partnerships and regional working groups and networks, activities of ADB resident mission with DMC youth groups, youth communications through social media channels, and partnering and networking with universities; (v) mobilize local DMC youth partners to build soft-skills through participating in SDGs-related activities; (vi) support implementation of employability and skills-focused youth-led events and workshops including ADB's flagship Asian Youth Forum; and (vii) undertake specialist studies related to youth employment and education.

An international firm was also engaged as International Project Management, Supervision, and Implementation Consultant to manage and facilitate youth support for 30 person-months.

Individual consultants were recruited through Individual Consultant Selections (ICS) to provide international (8 person-months) and national (3 person-months) consulting inputs. A Youth Employment Solutions Researcher (6 person-months) and a Youth Employment Solutions Senior Expert (2 person-months) will comprise the international consultants, while a Youth Education Researcher will be engaged as national consultant.

ADB will engage the consultants and carry out procurement following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

Procurement
Minor goods through shopping method.

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Timetable

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