Regional: Supporting the Implementation of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation Initiatives

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Strategic Agendas
- Inclusive economic growth
- Regional integration

Drivers of Change
- Governance and capacity development
- Knowledge solutions
- Partnerships

Sector / Subsector
- Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development
- Public sector management - Public administration
- Transport - Transport policies and institutional development

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming
- Some gender elements

Description
The TA aims to address the needs of the member states and the secretariat of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) to advance regional cooperation and integration (RCI) among member states in select thematic areas.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy
Despite the efforts and achievements made by the member states and secretariat of BIMSTEC, ADB, and other development partners, considerable challenges persist, and, as a consequence, opportunities in trade facilitation, tourism promotion, capacity development, and transport connectivity in the BIMSTEC region remain untapped. More work needs to be done to further RCI initiatives in the region.

Impact
Regional cooperation and integration among member states of BIMSTEC strengthened

Project Outcome
Description of Outcome
- Policies for improving regional cooperation and integration in transport financing, trade, and tourism promotion enhanced

Progress Toward Outcome
Implementation Progress
Description of Project Outputs
- Analytical studies on select thematic areas produced
- Capacity development interventions for BIMSTEC secretariat and the member states implemented

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
Geographical Location
- Bangladesh - Nation-wide
- Bhutan - Nation-wide
- India - Nation-wide
- Myanmar - Nation-wide
- Nepal - Nation-wide
- Sri Lanka - Nation-wide
- Thailand - Nation-wide

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
ADB will engage a number of individual consultants for the implementation of TA activities. ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

Procurement
Not applicable
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Responsible ADB Division: Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Div, SARD

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Timetable

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