## India: Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation and Value Addition - Project Readiness Financing

### Project Information
- **Project Name**: Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation and Value Addition - Project Readiness Financing
- **Project Number**: 53189-001
- **Country**: India
- **Project Status**: Proposed
- **Project Type / Modality of Assistance**: Loan
- **Source of Funding / Amount**: Loan: Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation and Value Addition - Ordinary capital resources, US$ 10.00 million

### Strategic Agendas
- Environmentally sustainable growth
- Inclusive economic growth

### Drivers of Change
- Governance and capacity development
- Knowledge solutions
- Partnerships
- Private sector development

### Sector / Subsector
- Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development

### Description
This Project Readiness Financing (PRF) will support the State of Himachal Pradesh with preparing the project and ensuring implementation readiness, thereby facilitating the timely and cost-effective achievement of the ensuing project's outcomes and outputs. To achieve high level of project readiness of the ensuing loan, the PRF will (i) support project preparation, detailed design activities, and advance procurement actions; (ii) pilot activities to demonstrate a new model of subtropical horticulture production technology, marketing and irrigation development systems to the state, which will then be scaled up under the ensuing loan; and (iii) capacity building of the executing and implementing agencies which have not implemented projects with ADB, for a smooth transition from preparation to implementation. The PRF’s pilot activities will comprise new irrigation systems to service the new subtropical horticultural farming practices, and establishment of new production technologies and marketing systems.

### Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy
The PRF will pilot subprojects in selected blocks from four of these districts (Bilaspur, Hamipur, Kangra and Mandi) where land for the pilot horticulture production plots is already identified and participation of the farmers is agreed. This is expected to be scaled up to seven subtropical districts of Bilaspur, Hamipur, Kangra, Mandi, Solan, Sirmour and Una under the ensuing loan project.

### Impact
- **Outcome**
- **Outputs**

### Geographical Location
Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi

### Safeguard Categories
- **Environment**: C
- **Involuntary Resettlement**: C
- **Indigenous Peoples**: C

### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects
- **Environmental Aspects**
- **Involuntary Resettlement**
- **Indigenous Peoples**

### Business Opportunities
- **Consulting Services**: Recruitment of team and individual consultants will be conducted by the EA/IA using ADB's Procurement Regulations (2017). Due the EA/IA's limited experience in ADB procurement, recruitment of one consulting package may be delegated to ADB.
Procurement of goods and works will be conducted by the EA/IA using ADB’s Procurement Regulations (2017) and standard bidding documents e-GP system with the required ADB organization application installed will be used. First package to use each approved procurement method will be reviewed under “prior review” procedure, and subsequent packages will be on “post-review” basis. Details of the procurement capacity assessment is in the Strategic Procurement Planning document of the project.

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